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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL**

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Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

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Friday, January 22, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

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Posted: January 13, 2010

[Commendation for Urban Forestry Council Member Carolyn Blair]

Resolution commending Carolyn Blair for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco's Urban Forestry Council and for improving San Francisco's urban forest.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair has served the City and County of San Francisco as an original member of the Urban Forestry Council since April 11, 2003 and as a member of the Urban Forestry Council's Landmark Tree Committee since October 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair gave valuable advice and shared her arboreal wisdom with the Council at crucial times and was instrumental in furthering the objectives of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair was fiercely forthright in defense of mature trees of San Francisco's urban forest; and,

WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair brought many forestry issues to the attention of the Urban Forestry Council and the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council extends its gratitude and commends Carolyn Blair for her dedication to the Urban Forestry Council; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council wishes Carolyn Blair well in her future endeavors.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on January 22, 2010.

Monica Fish, Urban Forestry Council Secretary

Terry Milne, Urban Forestry Council Chair

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

[San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List]**Resolution adopting the San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List for 2010.**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List was developed to improve coordination of urban forest through the following actions: (1) to reconcile the recommended street tree lists of the two major tree planting organizations, the Department of Public Works and the Friends of the Urban Forest; (2) to increase the diversity of the urban forest by considering new or under utilized street tree species; and (3) to serve as a single source of information to eventually develop materials for public education regarding street tree planting; and

WHEREAS, The Street Tree Recommendations List is a collaborative effort between the Urban Forestry Council, Friends of the Urban Forest, and the Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry to achieve the three actions listed above; and

WHEREAS, The next phase will be to continually make adjustments to the Street Tree Recommendations List based on performance of existing species listed and evaluation of new proposals or introductions and to develop a reference of species characteristics and cultural requirements for the public; and

RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council at their January 22, 2010 meeting reviewed and adopted the 2010 Street Tree Recommendations List that is attached to this Resolution.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on January 22, 2010.

Monica Fish, Council Secretary

VOTE: Approved (-) (Absent)

Ayes:

Noes:

1 Absent:

San Francisco Street Tree Species List – a collaboration with San Francisco Bureau of Urban Forestry and Friends of the Urban Forest

Disclaimer: These lists contain trees that can work as sidewalk trees in San Francisco. Every planting site has unique conditions. A lot of factors go into choosing a tree. This list can help you decide but should not be used without the help of a tree professional.

List A: Species that perform well in many locations in San Francisco

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| Arbutus x 'Marina' |
| Callistemon citrinus |
| Callistemon viminalis |
| Cordyline australis |
| Eriobotrya deflexa |
| Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold', 'Saratoga' |
| Lagunaria patersonii |
| Lophostemon confertus (formerly Tristania conferta) |
| Magnolia grandiflora 'Sam Sommers,' 'St. Mary,' 'Majestic Beauty,' 'Little Gem' |
| Melaleuca linarifolia |
| Melaleuca quinquenervia |
| Metrosideros excelsus |
| Olea europaea |
| Pittosporum undulatum |
| Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood,' 'Yarwood,' |
| Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius' |
| Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan' |
| Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat' or 'Chanticleer' |
| Pyrus kawakamii |
| Trachycarpus fortunei |
| Tristaniopsis laurina |
| Tristaniopsis laurina 'Elegant' |
| Ulmus parvifolia |
| Washingtonia robusta |

List B: Species that perform well in certain locations, with special considerations, as noted

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| Acacia baileyana 'Purpurea' – fast growing, high maintenance |
| Acer buergerianum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Acer rubrum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Aesculus carnea – gets windburn easily in summer even in protected sites |
| Celtis sinensis – prefers heat, wind protection, uneven performer |
| Ceratonia siliqua – needs large space, good drainage |
| Corymbia ficifolia – needs lots of sidewalk space |
| Crataegus phaenopyrum – subject to insect pests, has thorns, possibly susceptible to fireblight |
| Crataegus laevigata – needs wind protection |
| Cupaniopsis anacardioides – uneven performer, needs heat, wind protection |
| Eucalyptus nicholii – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance |
| Eucalyptus polyanthemus – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance |
| Geijera parvifolia – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster' – fast growing, prefers heat, wind protection |
| Hymenosporum flavum – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage, does well when protected from wind |
| Jacaranda mimosifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage |
| Koelreuteria paniculata – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection |
| Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga' – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, gets pests |
| Leptospermum laevigatum – roots poorly, needs staking for many years, or even permanent metal staking |
| Liquidambar styraciflua – needs space for canopy and roots |
| Liriodendron tulipifera – uneven performer, gets pests, prefers heat and wind protection |
| Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Magnolia grandiflora 'Russet' – large cultivar, needs space |
| Maytenus boaria – needs space for roots, produces many suckers |
| Melaleuca ericifolia – roots poorly, needs staking for many years |
| Melaleuca styphelioides – prickly and can root poorly |
| Michelia doltsopa – uneven performer, very slow grower, prefers heat and wind protection |
| Phoenix dactylifera – needs space due to height and width |
| Phoenix canariensis – needs space due to height and width |
| Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey' – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Pittosporum crassifolium – best for narrow sidewalks in foggy and windy areas. Can leak sap from trunk. |
| Podocarpus gracilior – gets pests, better as a shrub |
| Quercus agrifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage |
| Quercus suber - needs space, good for medians |
| Rhus lancea |
| Syagrus romanzoffianum – needs heat, wind protection |
| Tilia cordata – needs space, may sucker. |

List C: Species that need further evaluation

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| Acer x freemanii |
| Brachychiton populneum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’ |
| Chorisia speciosa – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Corylus colurna, Turkish hazel |
| Elaeocarpus decipiens |
| Ginkgo biloba ‘Princeton Sentry’ – more upright form |
| Magnolia soulangeana ‘Rustica Rubra’ |
| Michelia champaca – needs wind protection, prefers heat, clay soil |
| Platanus x acerifolia ‘Columbia’ |
| Pittosporum rhombifolium |
| Pittosporum eugenioides |
| Prunus lyonii |
| Prunus ilicifolia |
| Quercus frainetto ‘Forest Green’, Italian Oak |
| Quercus ilex – needs wind protection, sidewalk space, gets powdery mildew |
| Quercus phellos (Willow oak) |
| Schinus molle – prefers heat |
| Sorbus aucuparia (or other species) |
| Ulmus parvifolia x carpinifolia ‘Frontier’ |
| Ulmus wilsoniana ‘Prospector’ |
| Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana ‘Accolade’ |
| Zelkova serrata – needs space, warmth |



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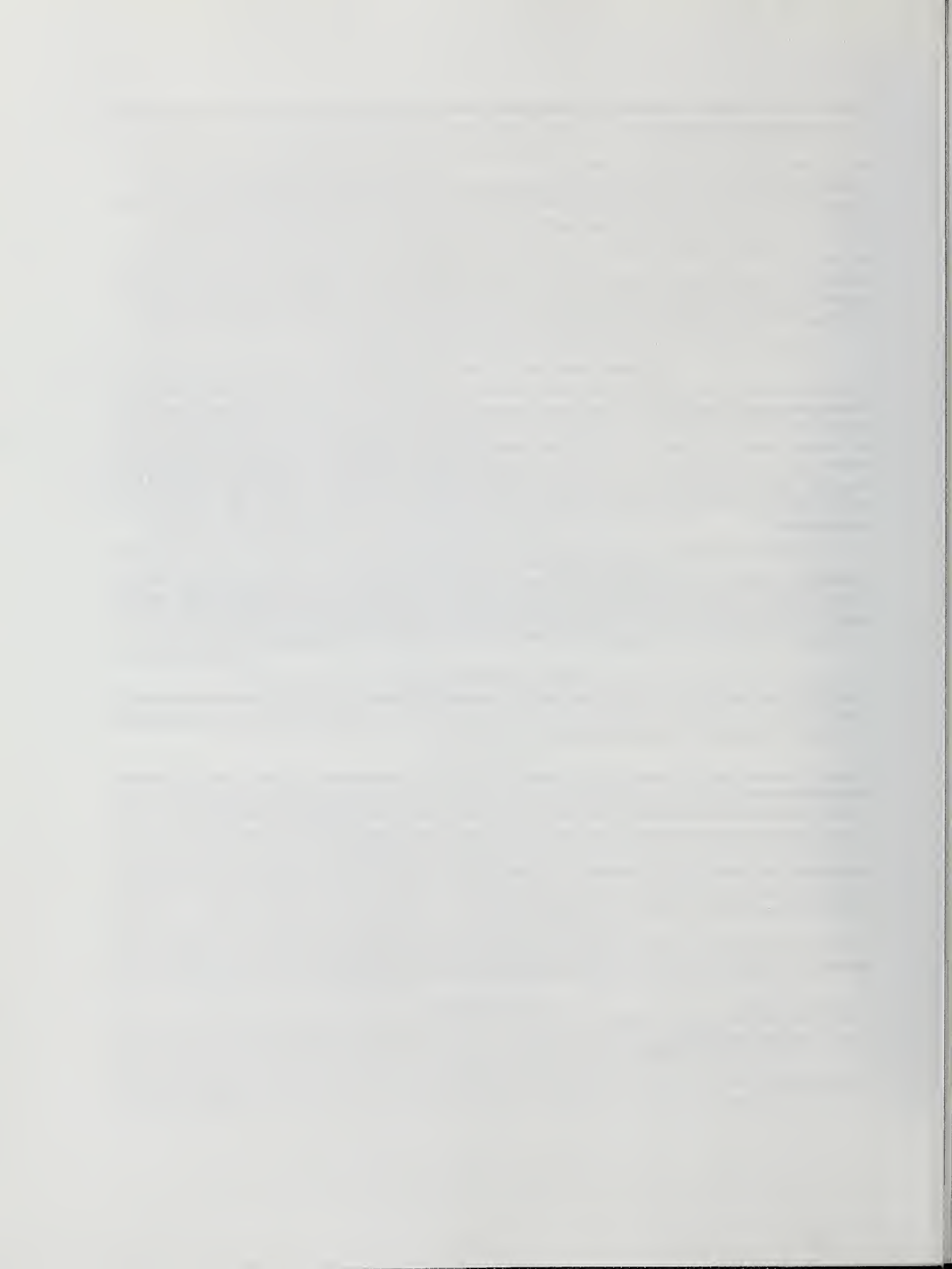
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1 [Support of Green Landscaping Ordinance]

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3 **Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the Green**
4 **Landscaping Ordinance.**

5 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Urban Forestry Council is to guide the stewardship of
6 San Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all
7 San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council considers issues as they relate to trees on
9 property managed by government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private property
10 owners; and,

11 WHEREAS, Section 1203 of the Urban Forestry Council Ordinance establishes that the
12 Council shall advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, City departments and Commissions on
13 urban forestry concerns; and,

14 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009 Mayor Newsom and Supervisors Carmen Chu and
15 Bevan Dufty introduced the Green Landscaping Ordinance [BF 091453]; and,

16 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has stated that it intends to consider the
17 Ordinance within 90 days of introduction; and,

18 WHEREAS, the Ordinance impacts various landscaping issues, including street tree
19 matters such as (1) increasing the triggers where street trees would be required; (2)
20 increasing the zoning districts where street trees would be required; (3) increasing the size of
21 the street tree required; (4) increasing the requirements for large Planned Unit Developments
22 (PUD); (5) adding a street tree requirement for parking lots; and (6) adding an interior tree
23 requirement for parking lots; and, now therefore be it,
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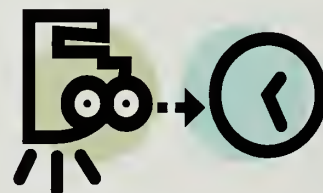
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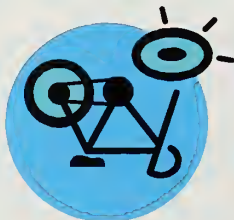
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1 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends approval of this proposed
2 Ordinance to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors; and, therefore be
3 it,

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council specifically supports the
5 following components of the proposed Ordinance and commends the Mayor and Supervisors
6 Carmen Chu and Bevan Duffy for including the following components in the proposed
7 legislation _____; and, therefore be it,

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends that the Mayor
9 and or the Board of Supervisors make the following modifications to the proposed
10 Ordinance: _____.

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12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forestry Council at its
13 regular meeting on January 22, 2010.

14 _____
15 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

16 VOTE:

17 Ayes:

18 Noes:

19 Absent:

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December 22, 2009

Planning Commission
1660 Mission Street, 5th Floor
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Dear Commissioners:

On **December 15, 2009**, Mayor Newsom introduced the following proposed legislation:

File: 091453

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(b) for public hearing and recommendation of approval or disapproval. The ordinance is pending before the Land Use & Economic Development Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alisa Somera".

By: Alisa Somera, Committee Clerk
Land Use & Economic Development Committee

Attachment

cc: John Rahaim, Director of Planning
Larry Badiner, Zoning Administrator
AnMarie Rodgers, Legislative Affairs
Tara Sullivan, Legislative Affairs
Brett Bollinger, Major Environmental Analysis
Kate Stacy, Deputy City Attorney

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION SEE THE ATTACHED LEGISLATION

DATE SENT: December 22, 2009

FILE #: 091453

DESCRIPTION: Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance

FROM:

- ☐ Budget & Finance
- ☐ City Operations & Neighborhood Services
- ☐ City & School District Select
- ☐ Government Audit & Oversight
- ☒ Land Use & Economic Development
- ☐ Rules
- ☐ Public Safety

☐ This item is scheduled to be heard in Committee on: N/A

☐ URGENT (response needed within one week) OR: ☒ No date set yet

☐ Hearing or ☒ Legislation referred to:

- ☐ Building Inspection Commission *Charter Section D3.750-5*
- ☐ Ethics Commission *Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.103*
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission *Charter Section 4.135*
- ☒ Planning - Code Amendment *Planning Code Section 302(b) and 306(a) (90 days to respond)*
- ☒ Planning - Environmental review – 30 days to respond
- ☐ Planning - Environmental review (fees) *CEQA CA Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq – 10 days to respond*
- ☐ Planning - Interim Controls *Planning Code Section 306.7(c)*
- ☐ Retirement Board *Campaign & Governmental Code or Elections Code*
- ☐ Small Business Commission *M01-33*
- ☐ Youth Commission *Charter Section 3.720-2; Charter Section 4.124 (12 day to respond)*
- ☒ FYI - Department of Public Works

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deletions are ~~striketthrough italics Times New Roman~~.
Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~striketthrough normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby find and determine that:

(a) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare, for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

(b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that the ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully set forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

1 (c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Chapter 31 of the San
3 Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
5 reference.

6 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
7 102.31, 102.32, and 102.33 and by amending Sections 132, 142, 143, 156, 233, and 304 to
8 read as follows:

9 **SEC. 102.3. VEHICULAR USE AREAS.**

10 Vehicular use areas are defined as any area of the lot not located within any enclosed or
11 partially enclosed structure and that is devoted to a use by or for motor vehicles including parking
12 (accessory or non-accessory); and automotive uses as defined in Section 223 that are not enclosed by a
13 structure, including but not limited to storage of automobiles, trucks or other vehicles; gasoline
14 stations; car washes; motor vehicle repair shops; loading areas; and service areas. Vehicular use
15 areas shall be subject to landscaping and screening requirements per Section 142(b) under the
16 following circumstances:

17 (a) Construction or installation of any vehicular use area;

18 (b) Existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to an existing principal use if the property
19 will add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of the existing buildings
20 on the lot or 3000 square feet, whichever is less;

21 (c) The repair, rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use are, if such change
22 would increase the number of existing parking spaces by 4 or more spaces; or

23 (d) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation
24 involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other pavement devoted to vehicular
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1 use. This provision does not apply to resurfacing of pavement due to emergency work on underground
2 storage tanks, other emergency utility access, or in response to a public health and safety action
3 required by the local, state, or federal government.

4 **SEC. 102.32. ORNAMENTAL FENCING.**

5 A decorative metal fence shall be made of wrought iron or fencing that gives the appearance of
6 wrought-iron fencing, but expressly excludes plastic-based materials, barbed wire, similar non-
7 decorative fences as well as traditional chain-link or woven wire fences. Chain-link or woven wire
8 fences may be used if the fencing visible from the public right-of-way is bordered by rails on the top
9 and bottom and has well-built columns that are at least 8" wide and are topped with caps. The
10 columns shall be spaced no more than 8' apart.

11 **SEC. 102.33. PERMEABLE SURFACES.**

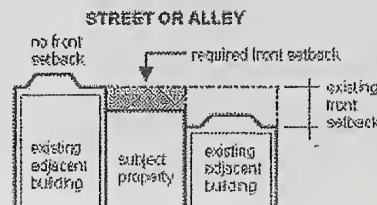
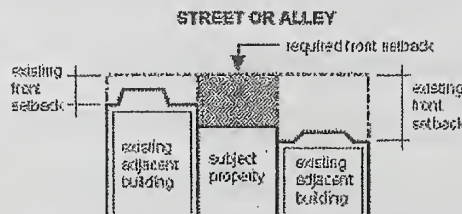
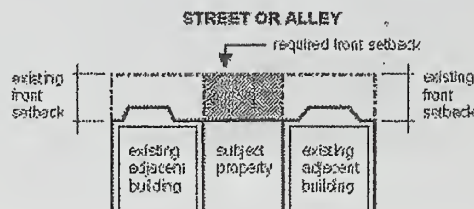
12 Permeable surfaces are those that allow stormwater to infiltrate the underlying soils.
13 Permeable surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, vegetative planting beds, porous asphalt,
14 porous concrete, single-sized aggregate, open-jointed blocks, stone, pavers or brick that are loose-set
15 and without mortar. Permeable surfaces are required to be contained so neither sediment nor the
16 permeable surface discharges off the site.

17 **SEC. 132. FRONT SETBACK AREAS, RTO, RH AND RM DISTRICTS AND FOR**
18 **REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

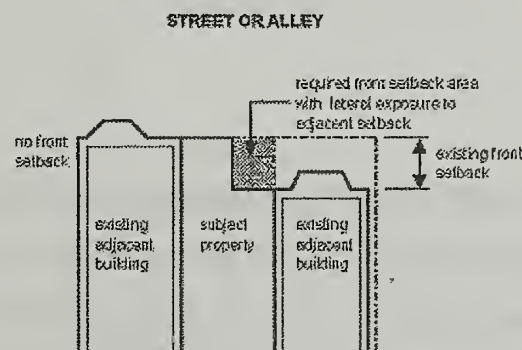
19 The following requirements for minimum front setback areas shall apply to every
20 building in all RH, RTO, and RM Districts, in order to relate the setbacks provided to the
21 existing front setbacks of adjacent buildings. Buildings in RTO Districts which have more than
22 75 feet of street frontage are additionally subject to the Ground Floor Residential Design
23 Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission. Planned Unit
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Developments or PUDs, as defined in Section 304, shall also provide landscaping in required setbacks in accord with Section 132 (g).

(a) Basic Requirement. Where one or both of the buildings adjacent to the subject property have front setbacks along a street or alley, any building or addition constructed, reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two adjacent front setbacks. If only one of the adjacent buildings has a front setback, or if there is only one adjacent building, then the required setback for the subject property shall be equal to one-half the front setback of such adjacent building. In any case in which the lot constituting the subject property is separated from the lot containing the nearest building by an undeveloped lot or lots for a distance of 50 feet or less parallel to the street or alley, such nearest building shall be deemed to be an "adjacent building," but a building on a lot so separated for a greater distance shall not be deemed to be an "adjacent building."



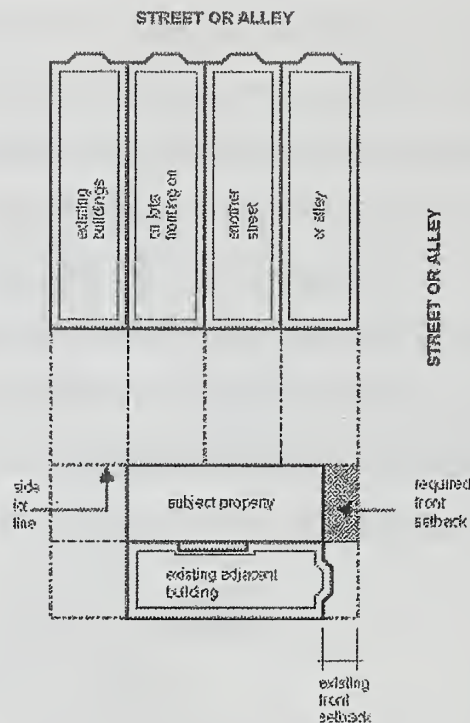
(b) Alternative Method of Averaging. If, under the rules stated in Subsection (a) above, an averaging is required between two adjacent front setbacks, or between one adjacent setback and another adjacent building with no setback, the required setback on the subject property may alternatively be averaged in an irregular manner within the depth between the setbacks of the two adjacent buildings, provided that the area of the resulting setback shall be at least equal to the product of the width of the subject property along the street or alley times the setback depth required by Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section; and provided further, that all portions of the resulting setback area on the subject property shall be directly exposed laterally to the setback area of the adjacent building having the greater setback. In any case in which this alternative method of averaging has been used for the subject property, the extent of the front setback on the subject property for purposes of Subsection (c) below relating to subsequent development on an adjacent site shall be considered to be as required by Subsection (a) above, in the form of a single line parallel to the street or alley.



(c) Method of Measurement. The extent of the front setback of each adjacent building shall be taken as the horizontal distance from the property line along the street or alley to the

1 building wall closest to such property line, excluding all projections from such wall, all decks
2 and garage structures and extensions, and all other obstructions.

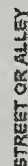
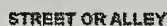
3 (d) Applicability to Special Lot Situations.



18 (1) Corner Lots and Lots at Alley Intersections. On a corner lot as defined by this
19 Code, or a lot at the intersection of a street and an alley or two alleys, a front setback area
20 shall be required only along the street or alley elected by the owner as the front of the
21 property. Along such street or alley, the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to
22 1/2 the front setback of the adjacent building.

23 (2) Lots Abutting Properties That Front on Another Street or Alley. In the case of any
24 lot that abuts along its side lot line upon a lot that fronts on another street or alley, the lot on
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STREET OR ALLEY



1 (3) Lots Abutting RC, C, M and P Districts. In the case of any lot that abuts property in
2 an RC, C, M or P District, any property in such district shall be disregarded, and the required
3 setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building in the
4 RH, RTO, or RM District.

5 (e) Maximum Requirements. The maximum required front setback in any of the cases
6 described in this Section 132 shall be 15 feet from the property line along the street or alley,
7 or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot from such street or alley, whichever results in the
8 lesser requirement. The required setback for lots located within the Bernal Heights Special
9 Use District is set forth in Section 242 of this Code.

10 (f) Permitted Obstructions. Only those obstructions specified in Section 136 of this
11 Code shall be permitted in a required front setback area, and no other obstruction shall be
12 constructed, placed or maintained within any such area. No motor vehicle, trailer, boat or
13 other vehicle shall be parked or stored within any such area, except as specified in Section
14 136.

15 (g) Landscaping *and Permeable Surfaces.* The landscaping and permeable surface
16 requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of
17 construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or
18 paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back. All front setback areas required
19 by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, and in every case not less than 20
20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant
21 material, including the use of native/drought resistant plant material. For the purposes of this
22 Section, permitted obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back area
23 used to calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.

1 (h) Permeable Surfaces. The front setback area shall be at least 50% permeable so as to
2 increase stormwater infiltration. The permeable surface may be inclusive of the area counted towards
3 the landscaping requirement; provided, however, that turf pavers or similar planted hardscapes shall
4 be counted only toward the permeable surface requirement and not the landscape requirement.

5 Permeable surfaces are defined in Section 102.33.

6 (1) The Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, may waive
7 the permeable surface requirement if the site does not qualify as a suitable location pursuant to
8 Department of Public Works rules and regulations.

9 (2) If the site receives stormwater run-off from outside the lot boundaries, the Zoning
10 Administrator, after consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, may
11 modify the permeable surface requirement to include alternative management strategies, such as bio-
12 retention or other strategies, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission rules and regulations.

13 (i) Relationship to Legislated Setback Lines. In case of any conflict between the
14 requirements of this Section 132 for front setback areas and a legislated setback line as
15 described in Section 131 of this Code, the more restrictive requirements shall prevail.

16 **SEC. 142. SCREENING AND GREENING OF PARKING AND VEHICLE USE**
17 **AREAS, R-AND-NC-AND-EASTERN-NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED-USE DISTRICTS.**

18 Off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way in R-and-NC
19 and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be screened as provided in this Section.

20 (a) Screening of parking and vehicle use areas less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public
21 right-of-way:

22 (1) Every off-street parking space within a building, where not enclosed by solid
23 building walls, shall be screened from view from all streets and alleys through use of garage
24 doors or by some other means.

1 ———(b) (2) Along rear yard areas and other interior open spaces, all off-street parking
2 spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened from view and
3 confined by solid building walls.

4 ———(c) (3) Off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall meet the requirements of Section
5 156 and other applicable provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. Such parking areas shall be
6 screened from view as provided in Section 156(d) of this Code.

7 (b) Vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the public right-of-way. All
8 lots containing vehicular use areas where such area has more than 25 linear feet along any public
9 right-of-way shall provide screening in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the
10 Ornamental Fencing Section 102.32. The following instances shall trigger the screening requirements
11 for these vehicle use areas:

12 (1) Any existing vehicular use area that is accessory to an existing principal use if such use
13 expands gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building;

14 (2) Any repair rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use area, if such repair,
15 rehabilitation or expansion would increase the number of existing parking spaces by either more than
16 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is greater; or

17 (3) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation and
18 reconstruction involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other surface devoted to
19 vehicular use. This provision does not apply to the resurfacing due to emergency work to underground
20 utilities if such work is intended to maintain safety or other public purpose beyond the control of the
21 property owner.

22 (c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent
23 to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to
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1 the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque
2 barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:

3 (1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable
4 surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way; or

5 (2) A combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing where the permeable
6 surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has
7 been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the
8 public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins,
9 detention basins or rain gardens, to reduce stormwater runoff.

10 (d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby
11 allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement
12 provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings,
13 pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are
14 provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the
15 public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator
16 may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment
17 would:

18 (1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the
19 use of quality urban design; and

20 (2) Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff.

21 **SEC. 143. STREET TREES, ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR,~~**
22 **~~SLI AND SSO DISTRICTS.~~**

23 (a) In any ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI AND SSO~~
24 ~~DISTRICTS~~ District, street trees shall be installed by the owner or developer in the case of
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1 construction of a new building; relocation of a building; the addition of gross floor area equal to
2 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a
3 garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back and
4 within the RED, SPD, RSD, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI and SSO Districts, in the case of
5 change of 20 percent or more of the occupied floor area of an existing building to another use.

6 (b) The street trees installed shall be a minimum of one tree of 24-inch box size for
7 each 20 feet of frontage of the property along each street or alley, with any remaining fraction
8 of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an additional tree. Such trees shall be located either
9 within a setback area on the lot or within the public right-of-way along such lot.

10 (c) The species of trees selected shall be suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees
11 installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by
12 the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation,
13 maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16
14 of the Public Works Code.

15 (d) In any case in which the Department of Public Works cannot grant approval for
16 installation of a tree in the public right-of-way, on the basis of inadequate sidewalk width,
17 interference with utilities or other reasons regarding the public welfare, and where installation
18 of such tree on the lot itself is also impractical, the tree planning requirements of this Section
19 143 may be modified as described in Subsection 143(f) or (g) or waived as described in Subsection
20 143(g) by the Zoning Administrator to the extent necessary.

21 (e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an
22 alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
23 installation of sidewalk landscaping to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit
24 approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.
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1 ~~(e)~~(f) In C-3, industrial, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Zoning
2 Administrator may allow the installation of planter boxes or tubs or similar landscaping in
3 place of trees when that is determined to be more desirable in order to make the landscaping
4 compatible with the character of the surrounding area, or may waive the requirement in C-3,
5 industrial, and mixed use districts, districts where landscaping is considered to be
6 inappropriate because it conflicts with policies of the Downtown Plan, a component of the
7 General Plan, such as the Downtown Plan policy favoring unobstructed pedestrian passage or
8 the Commerce and Industry Element policies to facilitate industry.

9 ~~(f)~~(g) In Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, street trees shall be installed
10 along all street frontages in the public right of way as set forth in subsection (b). Street tree
11 basins shall be edged with decorative treatment, such as pavers or cobbles, in accordance
12 with City standards. *In the event that the Department of Public Works does not approve for any*
13 *reason the installation of the number of trees required as set forth in subsection (b), an in-lieu fee for*
14 *each missed street tree, in an amount set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code, shall be paid to*
15 *the Adopt A Tree Fund. When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as*
16 *an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the*
17 *installation of sidewalk landscaping in accordance with all adopted standards and requirements.*

18 (h) For each required tree that the Zoning Administrator waives, the permittee shall pay an
19 "in-lieu" street tree fee. This fee shall be the amount specified in the Public Works Code Article 16
20 and be payable prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The fee amount shall be deposited in
21 the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

22 ~~(g)~~(i) DTR and C-3 Districts. In DTR and C-3 Districts, in addition to the requirements
23 of subsections (a)- ~~(d)~~ (h) above, all street trees shall:
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1 ~~(1) be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least~~
2 ~~one foot back from the curb line;~~

3 ~~(2)~~ (1) have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height;

4 ~~(3)~~ (2) branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade;

5 ~~(4)~~ (3) where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16
6 square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;

7 ~~(5)~~ (4) where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be
8 protected by a tree grate with a removable inner ring to provide for the tree's growth over time;

9 ~~(6)~~ (5) provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overly-
10 compacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;

11 ~~(7)~~ (6) be irrigated, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in
12 accordance with ~~Sec. 174 of the~~ Public Works Code, Article 16; and

13 ~~(8)~~ (7) be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the
14 basin for each tree is connected.

15 (j) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required the street
16 tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) – (h) and shall meet the following additional
17 landscaping requirements:

18 (1) A continuous soil trough with structural soils shall be provided that connects the root
19 systems of these street trees to increase tree health is required unless there is a physical constraint.

20 (2) Where ground floor setbacks are required, landscaping is also required in the setbacks per
21 Section 132(g). All building setback areas not occupied by steps, porches or other permitted
22 obstructions shall be permeable as defined in Section 102.33. Setbacks should be designed to provide
23 access to landscaped areas, encouraging active use by residents.

1 (i) A water source should be provided for each residential setback reachable by a 30-
2 foot hose.

3 (ii) To allow for landscaping and street trees at street grade, below-grade parking shall
4 be located at a depth below any surface of the setback to provide a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6
5 inches.

6 (3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements
7 for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or
8 she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements.
9 Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms,
10 detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or
11 additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the site or on the adjacent public
12 right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works.

13 **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

14 (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof
15 solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered
16 a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this
17 Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional
18 use.

19 (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for which
20 conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval shall be
21 required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory uses
22 under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however, apply to
23 all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.
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1 (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a specific
2 use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as
3 accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission shall consider
4 the criteria set forth in Section 157.

5 (d) Any vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
6 parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R District, or
7 which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from view
8 therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid
9 wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height.

10 (e) Any vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
11 is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles shall be screened in accordance with the
12 standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas ~~within~~
13 ~~the NCT, C 3 O, C 3 R, C 3 S, or C 3 G Districts shall be screened from view from every street, except~~
14 ~~at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen~~
15 ~~hedge, not less than four feet in height.~~

16 (f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of automobiles in
17 any ~~R, NC, C, or South of Market~~ District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such
18 lighting fall entirely within such parking lot.

19 (g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it any
20 dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than of an
21 emergency nature.

22 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT
23 Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses pursuant to the
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1 provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval;
2 permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as a conditional use.

3 (i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of Sections
4 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened in accordance with the standards described in
5 Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas from views from every street,
6 except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence or a solid wall not less than four
7 feet in height, except where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the
8 subject lot as an open space or play area for nearby residents.

9 (j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5
10 parking spaces and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section 102.33 Permeable
11 Surfaces. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate the
12 surface in areas with less than 5% slope.

13 (k) Street Tree Requirement. All parking lots shall meet the street tree requirements specified
14 in Section 143.

15 SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.

16 All automotive uses that have vehicular use areas defined in Section 102.31 shall meet the
17 screening requirements for vehicular use areas in Section 142.
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | may include brakes, electrical equipment, fan belt, headlamps, sparkplugs, air filter, distributor points, carburetor, and generator charging rate; |
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (14) Such other repairs as may be designated by the Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department as minor repairs under Paragraph 8.09(a)(5)(o) of Part II, Chapter IV (Fire Code) of the San Francisco Municipal Code. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | and in addition the following minor automobile repairs; all such repairs and other activities shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | engines, transmissions and differentials, with repairs to these components done elsewhere. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (i) Repair garage for the following major automobile repairs, if conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District: |
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (2) Repair or rebuilding of transmissions, differentials or radiators; |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | premises a reservoir of vehicle storage and standing area, outside the washing facilities, equal to at least 1/4 the hourly capacity in vehicles of such facilities; provided, |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | notwithstanding any other provision of this Code; but the foregoing provisions shall not preclude the imposition of any additional conditions pursuant to Section 303 of this Code. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (k) Tire recapping, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District. |
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| € | | | | | | | | | | | | (m) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is not a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law and is completely enclosed. |
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| <u>P*</u> - | * | | | | | | | | | | | (o) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | limited to facilities for the unloading, sorting and reloading of local retail merchandise for home deliveries, where the operation is conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building; including garage facilities for local delivery trucks, but excluding repair shop facilities. |
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (t) Storage garage for commercial passenger vehicles and light delivery trucks. |
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1 **SEC. 304. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

2 In districts other than C-3, the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, the DTR
3 Districts, or the South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Planning Commission may authorize
4 as conditional uses, in accordance with the provisions of Section 303, Planned Unit
5 Developments subject to the further requirements and procedures of this Section. After review
6 of any proposed development, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission may authorize such
7 development as submitted or may modify, alter, adjust or amend the plan before
8 authorization, and in authorizing it may prescribe other conditions as provided in Section
9 303(d). The development as authorized shall be subject to all conditions so imposed and shall
10 be excepted from other provisions of this Code only to the extent specified in the
11 authorization.

12 (a) Objectives. The procedures for Planned Unit Developments are intended for
13 projects on sites of considerable size, developed as integrated units and designed to produce
14 an environment of stable and desirable character which will benefit the occupants, the
15 neighborhood and the City as a whole. In cases of outstanding overall design, complementary
16 to the design and values of the surrounding area, such a project may merit a well reasoned
17 modification of certain of the provisions contained elsewhere in this Code.

18 (b) Nature of Site. The tract or parcel of land involved must be either in one
19 ownership, or the subject of an application filed jointly by the owners of all the property
20 included or by the Redevelopment Agency of the City. It must constitute all or part of a
21 Redevelopment Project Area, or if not must include an area of not less than 1/2 acre,
22 exclusive of streets, alleys and other public property that will remain undeveloped.

23 (c) Application and Plans. The application must describe the proposed development in
24 detail, and must be accompanied by an overall development plan showing, among other
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1 things, the use or uses, dimensions and locations of structures, parking spaces, and areas, if
2 any, to be reserved for streets, open spaces and other public purposes. The application must
3 include such pertinent information as may be necessary to a determination that the objectives
4 of this Section are met, and that the proposed development warrants the modification of
5 provisions otherwise applicable under this Code.

6 (d) Criteria and Limitations. The proposed development must meet the criteria
7 applicable to conditional uses as stated in Section 303(c) and elsewhere in this Code. In
8 addition, it shall:

9 (1) Affirmatively promote applicable objectives and policies of the General Plan;

10 (2) Provide off-street parking adequate for the occupancy proposed;

11 (3) Provide open space usable by the occupants and, where appropriate, by the
12 general public, at least equal to the open spaces required by this Code;

13 (4) Be limited in dwelling unit density to less than the density that would be allowed by
14 Article 2 of this Code for a district permitting a greater density, so that the Planned Unit
15 Development will not be substantially equivalent to a reclassification of property;

16 (5) In R Districts, include commercial uses only to the extent that such uses are
17 necessary to serve residents of the immediate vicinity, subject to the limitations for NC-1
18 Districts under this Code, and in RTO Districts include commercial uses only according to the
19 provisions of Section 230 of this Code;

20 (6) Under no circumstances be excepted from any height limit established by Article
21 2.5 of this Code, unless such exception is explicitly authorized by the terms of this Code. In
22 the absence of such an explicit authorization, exceptions from the provisions of this Code with
23 respect to height shall be confined to minor deviations from the provisions for measurement of
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1 height in Sections 260 and 261 of this Code, and no such deviation shall depart from the
2 purposes or intent of those sections;

3 (7) In NC Districts, be limited in gross floor area to that allowed under the floor area
4 ratio limit permitted for the district in Section 124 and Article 7 of this Code;

5 (8) In NC Districts, not violate the use limitations by story set forth in Article 7 of this
6 Code; and

7 (9) In RTO and NCT Districts, include the extension of adjacent alleys or streets onto
8 or through the site, and/or the creation of new publicly-accessible streets or alleys through the
9 site as appropriate, in order to break down the scale of the site, continue the surrounding
10 existing pattern of block size, streets and alleys, and foster beneficial pedestrian and vehicular
11 circulation.

12 (10) Provide street trees as per the requirements of Section 143(j) of the Code.

13 (11) Provide landscaping and permeable surfaces in any required setbacks in accordance with
14 Section 132 (g) and (h).

15 Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 805 to
16 read as follows:

17 **SEC. 805. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET TREES.**

18 (a) Responsibilities of Property Owners. Except as specified in Subsections 805(b)
19 and (c) below, it shall be the duty of owners of lots or portions of lots immediately abutting on,
20 fronting on or adjacent to any street tree to maintain such street tree. This duty shall include
21 both routine and major maintenance of the street tree. It shall be the responsibility of all public
22 agencies, including City, State and federal agencies, to maintain street trees abutting on such
23 public agency's property in accordance with this Section. In addition, and in accordance with
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1 Section 706 of this Code, abutting property owners shall be responsible for the care and
2 maintenance of the sidewalk and sidewalk areas adjacent to any street tree.

3 Any person who suffers injury or property damage as a legal result of the failure of the
4 owner to so maintain a street tree, sidewalk and sidewalk areas shall have a cause of action
5 for such injury or property damage against such property owner. In addition to its rights under
6 Section 706 of this Code, the City and County of San Francisco shall have a cause of action
7 for indemnity against such property owner for any damages the City may be required to pay
8 as satisfaction of any judgment or settlement of any claim that results from injury to persons or
9 property as a legal result of the failure of the owner to maintain a street tree in accordance
10 with this Section.

11 The Department shall have available to interested persons, upon request, public
12 pruning standards to ensure that street trees receive proper care.

13 (b) Responsibilities of the Department. The Department may, at the Director's
14 discretion, determine to undertake the regular routine and/or major maintenance of certain
15 street trees or corridors of street trees to promote consistency in the maintenance of trees or
16 in the public interest. Where the Department determines to undertake such regular
17 maintenance of street trees, the Director shall specify in writing by Departmental Order those
18 trees or corridors of trees for which it has undertaken maintenance responsibility and shall
19 specify in writing whether the Department will be responsible for routine or major
20 maintenance, or both. Such determinations by the Department shall be readily accessible to
21 property owners and members of the public. Where the Department has undertaken certain
22 maintenance responsibility for street trees in writing, the abutting property owner shall be
23 relieved of responsibility for such street tree maintenance.

1 Where the Department assumes maintenance responsibilities after the effective date of
2 this Article, it shall send written notice of that fact to the abutting property owner.

3 (c) Street Tree Establishment and Replacement of Dead Street Trees.

4 (1) Establishment of Street Trees. The establishment period for newly planted street
5 trees shall be three years from the date of planting. If the street tree is not adequately established at
6 the end of this period, the Director shall treat this as an injury to the tree, as defined in Section 802(g),
7 and may seek penalties for violation, as set forth in Section 811. The Director may establish rules,
8 regulations, or any other form of written guidelines concerning standards for proper care and
9 maintenance during the establishment period.

10 (2) Replacement of Dead Street Trees. The permittee or agency responsible for a street
11 tree shall replace a dead street tree within six months of the demise or removal of the tree. Removal of
12 a dead street tree and planting of a replacement street tree shall be subject to all requirements set forth
13 in this Article for removal and planting. The Director is authorized to waive this replacement
14 requirement and may place conditions on any such waiver, which may include, but is not limited to,
15 replacement planting at an alternate location or payment of the in-lieu fee. Any such waiver shall be in
16 writing.

17 (d) Department Inventory and Publication of Street Tree Responsibilities. The
18 Department shall use its best efforts to maintain an inventory of all trees under its jurisdiction.

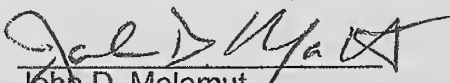
19 As of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall continue to maintain street
20 trees listed in its database as Department-maintained trees. Such information shall be made
21 available to the public upon request.

22 Within 120 days of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall publish in a
23 newspaper of general circulation in the City a list of all trees or corridors of trees maintained
24 by the Department.

1 ~~(d)~~ (e) Department Relinquishment of Street Tree Maintenance. The Director may, in
2 his or her discretion, determine to relinquish tree maintenance responsibilities for certain trees
3 or corridors of trees. Prior to such relinquishment, the Director shall post the affected trees
4 and send notice to abutting property owners of the Department's intent to relinquish
5 maintenance responsibilities on a date certain. Within 10 days of the posting and mailing of
6 such notice, any affected property owner may object in writing to such relinquishment. At the
7 written request of any person, the Director will hold a hearing prior to relinquishing
8 maintenance responsibility for a particular tree or corridor of trees. The Director's decision on
9 such relinquishment shall be final and nonappealable.

10 Prior to relinquishing maintenance responsibilities, the Department shall perform all
11 necessary major tree maintenance. As of the date designated by the Director, all tree
12 maintenance and tree-related maintenance shall be the responsibility of the abutting property
13 owner.

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance.]

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for “vehicle use area”, “ornamental fencing”, and “permeable surface”; amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Planning Code contain various provisions concerning screening, landscaping, and street tree requirements associated with various uses. The Public Works Code Article 16 governs the regulatory process for planting, removing, and maintaining street trees.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would create or modify Planning Code provisions on greening, screening, and landscaping, including street tree requirements, and provide for a process by which the Zoning Administrator could modify some these provisions under certain circumstances. The legislation would add definitions for vehicular use area, ornamental fencing, and permeable surfaces. The Ordinance would amend the Public Works Code to delineate an establishment period for street trees and process to address the replacement of dead street trees. The Ordinance would make environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

This Ordinance seeks to enhance environmental benefits and the City's aesthetic quality through increasing permeable surfaces, street planting, and landscaping in the City.



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[Commendation for Urban Forestry Council Member Carolyn Blair]

Resolution commending Carolyn Blair for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco's Urban Forestry Council and for improving San Francisco's urban forest.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair has served the City and County of San Francisco as an original member of the Urban Forestry Council since April 5, 2003 and as a member of the Urban Forestry Council's Landmark Tree Committee since October 2006; and,

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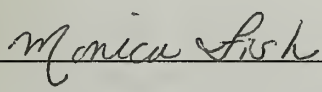
WHEREAS, Carolyn Blair was fiercely forthright in defense of mature trees of San Francisco's urban forest; and,

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RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council extends its gratitude and commends Carolyn Blair for her dedication to the Urban Forestry Council; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council wishes Carolyn Blair well in her future endeavors.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on January 22, 2010.



Monica Fish, Urban Forestry Council Secretary



Terry Milne, Urban Forestry Council Chair

VOTE: Approved 8-0; 1 Absent; 2 Vacant
Ayes: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, LeBeau, Hillan, Rodgers, Vargas
Noes: None
Absent: Member Sherk

PHILOSOPHY 301: THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY
 LECTURE 1: THE PRE-SOCRATICS
 THALES OF MILETUS
 WATER AS THE FIRST PRINCIPLE

Thales of Miletus (c. 625-545 BCE) was a Greek philosopher, mathematician, and scientist. He is credited with being the first to propose a naturalistic explanation for the origin of the universe, rejecting the mythological accounts of the time. His central thesis was that water is the *arche*, the first principle or the source of all things. This idea was revolutionary because it sought to explain the diversity of the world through a single, unified substance. Thales' theory was based on the observation that water is essential for life and can take on various forms (solid, liquid, gas). He also believed that the universe was governed by a rational principle, which he identified with water. This laid the foundation for the naturalistic approach of the Pre-Socratic philosophers, who sought to understand the world through reason and observation rather than myth.

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1 **[San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List]**

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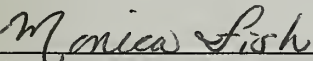
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8 diversity of the urban forest by considering new or under utilized street tree species; and
9 (3) to serve as a single source of information to eventually develop materials for public
10 education regarding street tree planting; and

11 WHEREAS, The Street Tree Recommendations List is a collaborative effort
12 between the Urban Forestry Council, Friends of the Urban Forest, and the Department
13 of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry to achieve the three actions listed above; and

14 WHEREAS, The next phase will be to continually make adjustments to the Street
15 Tree Recommendations List based on performance of existing species listed and
16 evaluation of new proposals or introductions and to develop a reference of species
17 characteristics and cultural requirements for the public; and

18 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council at their January 22, 2010 meeting
19 reviewed and adopted the 2010 Street Tree Recommendations List that is attached to
20 this Resolution.

21 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
22 Regular Meeting on January 22, 2010.

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24 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

25 VOTE: Approved (8-0) (1 Absent) (2 Vacant)

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27 Ayes: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, LeBeau, Hillan, Rodgers, Vargas

28 Noes: None

29 Absent: Member Sherk

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San Francisco Street Tree Species List – a collaboration with San Francisco Bureau of Urban Forestry and Friends of the Urban Forest

Disclaimer: These lists contain trees that can work as sidewalk trees in San Francisco. Every planting site has unique conditions. A lot of factors go into choosing a tree. This list can help you decide but should not be used without the help of a tree professional.

List A: Species that perform well in many locations in San Francisco

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| Arbutus x 'Marina' |
| Callistemon citrinus |
| Callistemon viminalis |
| Cordyline australis |
| Eriobotrya deflexa |
| Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold', 'Saratoga' |
| Lagunaria patersonii |
| Lophostemon confertus (formerly Tristania conferta) |
| Magnolia grandiflora 'Sam Sommers,' 'St. Mary,' 'Majestic Beauty,' 'Little Gem' |
| Melaleuca linarifolia |
| Melaleuca quinquenervia |
| Metrosideros excelsus |
| Olea europaea |
| Pittosporum undulatum |
| Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood,' 'Yarwood,' |
| Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius' |
| Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan' |
| Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat' or 'Chanticleer' |
| Pyrus kawakamii |
| Trachycarpus fortunei |
| Tristaniopsis laurina |
| Tristaniopsis laurina 'Elegant' |
| Ulmus parvifolia |
| Washingtonia robusta |

List B: Species that perform well in certain locations, with special considerations, as noted

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| Acacia baileyana 'Purpurea' – fast growing, high maintenance |
| Acer buergerianum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Acer rubrum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Aesculus carnea – gets windburn easily in summer even in protected sites |
| Celtis sinensis – prefers heat, wind protection, uneven performer |
| Ceratonia siliqua – needs large space, good drainage |
| Corymbia ficifolia – needs lots of sidewalk space |
| Crataegus phaenopyrum – subject to insect pests, has thorns, possibly susceptible to fireblight |
| Crataegus laevigata – needs wind protection |
| Cupaniopsis anacardioides – uneven performer, needs heat, wind protection |
| Eucalyptus nicholii – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance |
| Eucalyptus polyanthemos – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance |
| Geijera parvifolia – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster' – fast growing, prefers heat, wind protection |
| Hymenosporum flavum – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage, does well when protected from wind |
| Jacaranda mimosifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage |
| Koelreuteria paniculata – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection |
| Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga' – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, gets pests |
| Leptospermum laevigatum – roots poorly, needs staking for many years, or even permanent metal staking |
| Liquidambar styraciflua – needs space for canopy and roots |
| Liriodendron tulipifera – uneven performer, gets pests, prefers heat and wind protection |
| Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Magnolia grandiflora 'Russet' – large cultivar, needs space |
| Maytenus boaria – needs space for roots, produces many suckers |
| Melaleuca ericifolia – roots poorly, needs staking for many years |
| Melaleuca styphelioides – prickly and can root poorly |
| Michelia doltsopa – uneven performer, very slow grower, prefers heat and wind protection |
| Phoenix dactylifera – needs space due to height and width |
| Phoenix canariensis – needs space due to height and width |
| Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey' – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Pittosporum crassifolium – best for narrow sidewalks in foggy and windy areas. Can leak sap from trunk. |
| Podocarpus gracilior – gets pests, better as a shrub |
| Quercus agrifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage |
| Quercus suber - needs space, good for medians |
| Rhus lancea |
| Syagrus romanzoffianum – needs heat, wind protection |
| Tilia cordata –needs space, may sucker. |

List C: Species that need further evaluation

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| Acer x freemanii |
| Brachychiton populneum – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’ |
| Chorisia speciosa – prefers heat, wind protection |
| Corylus columna, Turkish hazel |
| Elaeocarpus decipiens |
| Ginkgo biloba ‘Princeton Sentry’ – more upright form |
| Magnolia soulangeana ‘Rustica Rubra’ |
| Michelia champaca – needs wind protection, prefers heat, clay soil |
| Platanus x acerifolia ‘Columbia’ |
| Pittosporum rhombifolium |
| Pittosporum eugenioides |
| Prunus lyonii |
| Prunus ilicifolia |
| Quercus frainetto ‘Forest Green’, Italian Oak |
| Quercus ilex – needs wind protection, sidewalk space, gets powdery mildew |
| Quercus phellos (Willow oak) |
| Schinus molle – prefers heat |
| Sorbus aucuparia (or other species) |
| Ulmus parvifolia x carpinifolia ‘Frontier’ |
| Ulmus wilsoniana ‘Prospector’ |
| Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana ‘Accolade’ |
| Zelkova serrata – needs space, warmth |



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Order of Business**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of the January 22, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: January 22, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 4. Urban Forestry Council Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Update.** Speaker: David Assmann, Acting Director (Informational Report and Discussion)
- 5. Urban Forestry Council Strategic Planning and Scheduling of a Part 2 Retreat Meeting.** Speaker: Mei Ling Hui, Council Coordinator (Discussion and Possible Action)
- 6. Review and Approval of Urban Forestry Council Draft Resolution to support the proposed Board of Supervisors Green Landscaping Ordinance.** Sponsor and Speaker: Member Rodgers (Continued from the January 22, 2010 Meeting) (Explanatory Documents: Planning Commission Packet, Green Landscaping Ordinance and Draft Resolution) (Discussion and Action)

7. **Review and Approval of Urban Forestry Council Draft Resolution to support recommendations of the Pine Pitch Canker Task Force on solutions to address Pine Pitch Canker.** Sponsor: Chair Milne; Speakers: Chair Milne and Member Buck (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution and Pine Pitch Canker Task Force Recommendations) (Discussion and Action)
8. **Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Informational Report and Discussion)
9. **Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)
Planning & Funding Committee
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.
Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report.
10. **Chair's Announcements:** Terry Milne, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)
11. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion).
12. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
13. **Adjournment.**

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400, City Hall.

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

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Urban Forestry Council
San Francisco Department of the Environment
City and County of San Francisco
11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Posted: February 17, 2010

1 [Support of Green Landscaping Ordinance]

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3 **Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the Green**
4 **Landscaping Ordinance.**

5 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Urban Forestry Council is to guide the stewardship of
6 San Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all
7 San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council considers issues as they relate to trees on
9 property managed by government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private property
10 owners; and,

11 WHEREAS, Section 1203 of the Urban Forestry Council Ordinance establishes that the
12 Council shall advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, City departments and Commissions on
13 urban forestry concerns; and,

14 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009 Mayor Newsom and Supervisors Carmen Chu and
15 Bevan Dufty introduced the Green Landscaping Ordinance [BF 091453]; and,

16 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has stated that it intends to consider the
17 Ordinance within 90 days of introduction; and,

18 WHEREAS, the Ordinance impacts various landscaping issues, including street tree
19 matters such as (1) increasing the triggers where street trees would be required; (2)
20 increasing the zoning districts where street trees would be required; (3) increasing the size of
21 the street tree required; (4) increasing the requirements for large Planned Unit Developments
22 (PUD); (5) adding a street tree requirement for parking lots; and (6) adding an interior tree
23 requirement for parking lots; and, now therefore be it,
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1 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends approval of this proposed
2 Ordinance to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors; and, therefore be
3 it,

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council specifically supports the
5 following components of the proposed Ordinance and commends the Mayor and Supervisors
6 Carmen Chu and Bevan Dufty for including the following components in the proposed
7 legislation _____; and, therefore be it,

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends that the Mayor
9 and or the Board of Supervisors make the following modifications to the proposed
10 Ordinance: _____.

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12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forestry Council at its
13 regular meeting on February 23, 2010.

14 _____
15 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

16 VOTE:

17 Ayes:

18 Noes:

19 Absent:



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary Planning Code Text Change HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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Introduced: December 15, 2009
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Recommendation: **Recommend Approval with Modifications**

PLANNING CODE AMENDMENT

The proposed Ordinance introduced by Mayor Newsom, Supervisors Carmen Chu and Bevan Dufty would amend various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" it would also amend the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees.

The Way It Is Now:

The Proposed Ordinance amends five existing Sections of the Planning Code and one Section of the Public Works Code. Below is a concise summary of the pertinent components of the Sections proposed for amendment.

- **Section 132 – Front Setback Areas**

Currently the Section regulates front setback areas for one to three dwelling unit homes and for low to high density mixed apartment and house districts (RH, RTO and RM). The landscaping controls articulated in Subsection (g) requires that 20% of the front yard setback to remain unpaved and devoted to plant material including the use of native/drought resistant plant material.

- **Section 142 – Screening of Parking Areas**

This Section of the Code currently applies to residential, neighborhood commercial, and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts. It requires the following 1) every parking space within a building not enclosed by solid walls shall be screened by doors or similar means; 2) along rear yards and interior open spaces all parking spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened by solid building walls; and 3) off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall be screened according to Section 156(d).

- **Section 143 – Street Trees**

This Section of the Code requires street trees in districts that are either residential, neighborhood commercial, South Park, Downtown, South of Market or Eastern Neighborhoods mixed use districts. This requirement currently only applies to applications that would construct a new building, relocate a building, or add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the existing building. Project sponsors generally must plant one 24"-box tree for every 20 feet for frontage or pay the existing "in-lieu" fee. In the Downtown Residential districts there are further specifications regarding the size of the tree, the sidewalk basin, and other features.

- **Section 156 – Parking Lots**

This Section of the Code establishes provisions for parking lots that are both accessory to other uses or that are the principal use for the site. Current controls require parking for two or more cars and that adjoins a residential district or parking for 10 or more cars within the NCT, C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-S, or C-3-G districts to be screened by a solid fence, wall, or compact evergreen hedge not less than four feet. Within the South of Market RED, SPD, RSD, SLR, SLI or SSO Districts parking must also be screened from views from every street by a solid fence.

- **Section 223—Automotive**

This Section of the Code is a table that specifies the zoning districts where "automotive" uses are allowed and whether the use is permitted, not permitted or permitted by conditional use authorization.

- **Section 304 – Planned Unit Developments**

This Section of the Code establishes provisions for "Planned Unit Developments" for larger developments that are either under the jurisdiction of the Redevelopment Agency or are under one ownership and are larger than ½ acre.

Below is a concise summary of the existing Section of the Public Works Code that is proposed for amendment:

- **Public Works Code 805 – Responsibility for Maintenance of Street Trees**

This Section of the Public Works Code discusses the responsibility for maintenance of street trees.

The Way It Would Be:

The proposed Ordinance would create the following new Sections within the Planning Code:

- **New Section 102.3– Vehicle Use Area: Definition & Controls**

The proposed Ordinance would create a new definition, "vehicle use areas" that would describe unenclosed and partially enclosed areas for use by vehicles or for the maneuvering of vehicles. Examples of these spaces would be the maneuvering area around gas stations, car washes, repair shops etc. These "vehicular use areas" would be subject to proposed screening requirements in Section 142 in the following circumstances:

1. the creation of new vehicular use area;

2. existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to a principal use where the principal use is expanding by 20% or more or by 3000 square feet, whichever is less;
3. the addition of 4 or more parking spaces to an existing vehicular use area; or
4. the excavation or reconstruction of 50% or more of an existing vehicle use area, emergency utility work excavation is exempted.

- **Proposed New Section 102.32 – Ornamental Fencing: Definition & Controls**

The proposed Ordinance would create a new definition for “ornamental fencing” to describe a decorative metal fence made of wrought iron or giving the appearance of wrought iron. Some woven wire fencing may be used if the fencing is capped at the top and bottom and includes well-built columns that are at least 8” wide. (See illustration in Exhibit C.)

- **New Section 102.33– Permeable Surfaces: Definition**

This proposed new Section would create a definition for Permeable Surfaces. Permeable surfaces would be those that allow stormwater to infiltrate to the underlying soil and would include things such as planting beds, porous asphalt, aggregate, open jointed blocks and pavers that are loose-set without mortar.

The proposed Ordinance would amend the following existing Sections within the Planning Code:

- **Section 132 – Front Setback Areas**

The proposed Ordinance would amend this Section to add subsection (h) to require that the front setback not only include 20% plant materials as currently articulated in subsection (g), but also to require that at least 50% of the front setback to be permeable. The permeable requirement may be met by combining the 20% landscaping requirement with additional planted area or other groundcover that allows infiltration of water as defined by the proposed Section 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. Both the plant material requirement and the permeable surface requirement would be include new “triggers” for when the requirements would apply. The requirements would apply to projects proposing construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or the paving or repaving of more than 25 square feet of the front setback. This Section would be made to apply to required setbacks for Planned Unit Developments.

- **Section 142 – Screening of Parking Areas**

The proposed Ordinance would expand the districts that needed to screen parking areas to include all districts. Parking and “vehicle use areas” that are less than 25 linear feet would continue to be screened per existing controls. Parking and “vehicle use areas” that are greater than 25 linear feet would be subject to new screening requirements. The new screening requirement would be triggered if a) the principal use associated with the area expands by 20% or more; b) the vehicle use area expands in size by 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is

greater; or c) the vehicle use area is excavated and more than 50% is repaved¹. The new screening requirement for vehicle use areas would require one of two features, either:

1. ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4' high combined with a 5' across permeable surface or
2. a combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing with the same area as option one would provide but configured so as to provide either a publicly accessible amenity or a natural drainage system to reduce runoff.

Further, this Section would be flexible in that the Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of the subsection to allow alternative landscaping treatments where these treatments are either visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the public right-of-way consistent with Section 810B of the Public Works Code. In allowing a substitution of the requirements, the Zoning Administrator must find that the alternative both 1) enhances the pedestrian experience and 2) promotes the reduction of stormwater runoff.

• **Section 143 – Street Trees**

The proposed Ordinance would expand the requirement to apply to all zoning districts. The Ordinance would also increase the “triggers” for when street trees would be required to include:

- 1) the addition of a new dwelling unit;
- 2) the addition of new parking or a new garage; and
- 3) the paving or repaving of more than 25 sf of the front set-back.

In instances where a street tree could not be planted², the Ordinance would allow the substitution of a street tree with a sidewalk landscaping subject to DPW approval. In the event that DPW cannot approve the tree or the sidewalk landscaping, an “in-lieu” fee would be charged per DPW Code. Note: this in-lieu fee currently exists, the proposed Ordinance merely includes a reference to this existing fee.

The proposed Ordinance would apply the specific controls for trees in the Downtown Transit Residential district to the Downtown Office districts (C-3) regarding the tree trunk size, the planting basin, soil specifications and related criteria.

Lastly, with regards to Section 143, the proposed Ordinance would add requirements that Planned Unit Developments of ½ acre or more provide a continuous soil trough that connects tree basins for healthier trees and specifications for the front yard setback. Specifically PUD's

¹ The last provision does not apply if the work is done to maintain safety or other public purposes beyond the control of the property owner.

² DPW Work Order #19,946 restricts the planting of trees in the following circumstances: 1) within 25' of a traffic sign; 2) within 25' of the approach to an intersection and 10' of the exit of the intersection; 3) within 9-21' of a streetlight (depending on size of light); 4) within 6' of a utility pole; 5) within 3' of a parking sign; 6) within 3-5' of utility lines, fire hydrants and street furniture; 7) within 10' of a fire escape; 8) within a bus zone if the sidewalk is less than 15'; 9) within a restricted parking “blue zone”; 10) within 12-15' of existing trees; and 11) within 3-5' of a parking meter.

would be required to provide a water source for each residential setback area to enable small garden and to setback below grade parking so that a minimum soil depth of at least 3'-6" is preserved. Again, the Zoning Administrator would be able to modify these requirements if substitutions are provided that offer equal or greater ecological benefit.

- **Section 156 – Parking Lots**

This Section of the Code would establish 2 tiers of screening requirements for parking and the proposed "vehicle use areas".

1. The smallest parking and vehicle use areas that are less than 25 linear feet along the right-of-way would retain the existing screening standards: screened from view by a solid fence, wall or compact evergreen hedge not less than 4' high.
2. Parking or vehicle use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the right-of-way would be screened according to the controls proposed in Section 142.

- **Section 223—Automotive**

The proposed Ordinance would add a note to the beginning of this table stating that automotive uses that have vehicular use areas shall meet the screening requirements of Section 142. It would also remove references to the C-1 district as there are no C-1 parcels remaining in San Francisco.

- **Section 304 – Planned Unit Developments**

The proposed Ordinance would amend this Section to cross-reference the new requirement described in Section 143 Street Trees and Section 132 Front Setbacks (g) and (f).

The proposed Ordinance would amend the following Section of the Public Works Code:

- **Public Works Code 805 – Responsibility for Maintenance of Street Trees**

The proposed Ordinance would expand this section of the Public Works Code to state that property owners must ensure that trees are adequately cared for during the three year establishment period. Property owners may be fined for failure to provide proper care. Further, if a tree dies it must be removed and replaced within six months. The Director of DPW may allow alternative planting locations for the replacement tree or may allow payment of the in-lieu fee instead of a physical replacement.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may recommend adoption, rejection, or adoption with modifications to the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Commission recommend *approval with two, minor modifications* to the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

Recommended Modifications

- **Section 132- Technical Clarifications.** The proposed amendments list RTO as a new addition to this Section. RTO was incorporated into this Section in April 3, 2008 by Ordinance Number 298-08. Some of the proposed text hyphenates setback as "set-back" whereas the Planning Code typically does not hyphenate this word.
- **Section 132- Content Change.** At the request of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Department recommends adding text stating that landscaping in the front setback must comply with Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Ordinance seeks to achieve a more comprehensive greening effort in the city, combining environmental and aesthetic goals, called "Green Landscaping Ordinance". The improvements, including landscaping and perimeter site controls complement existing and recently proposed standards such as the Better Streets Plan, the Green Building Ordinance, and the Stormwater Requirement and Design Guidelines. The proposed Ordinance complements a national movement to return to gardening that includes everyone from First Lady Michele Obama to local slow food guru, Alice Waters.

The Department believes the proposed controls will enhance new development and significant alterations to achieve the following environmental and aesthetic goals:

1. healthier and more plentiful plantings through screening, parking lot, and street tree controls;
2. increased permeability through front yard and parking lot controls; and
3. improved screening by creating an ornamental fencing requirement and requiring screening for newly defined "vehicle use areas".

The proposed Ordinance reconsiders some basic requirements to both increase the "green" components in the landscape and to add flexibility in how the requirements may be satisfied, thereby allowing developers more options to meet the City's expectations.

Discussion of Public Requests for Modification

Some members of the public have advocated for an alternate "trigger" or method of requiring street trees by tying the provision of street trees to the value of the construction project. For instance, requiring a street tree for any construction over \$75,000. While it may be possible to develop a fee or requirement along such lines, this method of calculating the street tree requirement likely would result in characterization of the fee/street requirement as development exaction and/or fee. Such a program would be subject to State and federal law on development fees. Further, the City's practice prior to adopting such fees or requirements is to perform the requisite analyses that demonstrates a connection or nexus between the impact of the project and the required fee/requirement.

On the other hand, the staff's recommended approach to street tree requirements is to treat this as part of the urban design/zoning requirements associated with permit review in the same manner as other zoning requirements such as set backs, height limits, facade design, etc. The staff's recommended approach also

eliminates the need to perform a costly fee analysis and to ensure that the proposed alternate method meets all the legal requirements imposed through state and federal law. The Department recommends not changing the triggers from those identified in the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance as written will greatly expand the impact of Section 143 and the number of instances when street trees will be required.

Discussion of Other Agency Request for Modification

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance and has requested some modifications to the Ordinance. The SFPUC's embraces new permeable surfaces that may be created by the proposed Ordinance. Specifically, SFPUC staff found that complying with the Ordinance may "greatly reduce the overall runoff coefficient by 17%". At the same time, the PUC is preparing an irrigation ordinance to comply with state law that will set absolute limits on water usage. To that end, the SFPUC would like to insert language to clarify that plants and street trees required by Sections 132, 142, and 143 of the Planning Code must comply with Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code and/or the applicable articles of the Public Works Code. Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code is regulated by the SFPUC and currently applies to irrigated landscaped areas of 1000 square feet or more. In the future, specific low water plants may be required. Therefore, it is appropriate to reference both the Administrative Code and Public Works Code which provide further planting regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed amendment is exempt from environmental review under Section 15060(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department staff have met with Alan Grossman, executive director of the SF Urban Forest Coalition and received email correspondence from Jake Sigg, Board of Directors for the San Francisco Chapter of the Native Plant Society. Mr. Grossman's primary interest is changing a trigger for the street tree requirement as described on page six of this report under the title "Discussion of Public Requests for Modification". Mr. Sigg's concern is that the City not mandate particular plant species be used. From his letter:

"I looked at plants of the list on the website <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/docs/wucols00.pdf>. The plants stipulated as Low or Very Low for the North Central Coast were mostly incorrect, and after two pages I stopped perusing, as I found the list to be useless as a guide to the type of plants you want for the Planning Code or Public Works Code. That list should be worked on by gardeners, as opposed to . . . practitioners without lots of direct experience with the land. I have had a lifetime of experience with both exotic and native plants and could work on a list, but it would take far more time than I have available. You really should not use the list as is.

Not all native plants are drought tolerant, so that should be noted. There are many native and non-native plants that are tolerant of drought. However, drought tolerance should not be the sole criterion. City policy, as well as current trends worldwide, encourage providing habitat value for wildlife. For that purpose it is hard to beat native plants."

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| RECOMMENDATION: | Recommendation of Approval with Modifications |
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Attachments:

Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution
Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 09-1453
Exhibit C: Illustrations of Ornamental Fencing



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Draft Planning Commission Resolution Planning Code Text Change HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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Recommendation: Recommend Approval with Modifications

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE PLANNING CODE TO ADDRESS SCREENING, GREENING, STREET TREE, AND PERMEABILITY REQUIREMENTS; CREATING DEFINITIONS FOR "VEHICLE USE AREA," "ORNAMENTAL FENCING," AND "PERMEABLE SURFACE;" IT WOULD ALSO AMEND THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE SECTION 805 TO CREATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STREET TREES AND REPLACEMENT OF DEAD STREET TREES.

PREAMBLE

Whereas, on December 15, 2009, Mayor Newsom and Supervisors Chu and Dufty introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 09-1453 which would amend various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" it would also amend the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and

Whereas, on February 18, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance; and

Whereas, the proposed zoning changes have been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c)(2); and

Whereas, the Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff, and other interested parties; and

Whereas, the all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

MOVED, that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors recommends *approval of the proposed Ordinance* and adopts the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The proposed Ordinance seeks to achieve a more comprehensive greening effort in the city, combining environmental and aesthetic goals, called "Green Landscaping Ordinance". The improvements, including landscaping and perimeter site controls, complement existing and recently proposed standards such as the Better Streets Plan, the Green Building Ordinance, and the Stormwater Requirement and Design Guidelines;
2. The proposed Ordinance will enhance new development and significant alterations to achieve the following environmental and aesthetic goals:
 - a. healthier and more plentiful plantings through screening, parking lot, and street tree controls;
 - b. increased permeability through front yard and parking lot controls; and
3. improved screening by creating an ornamental fencing requirement and requiring screening for newly defined "vehicle use areas";
4. **General Plan Compliance.** The proposed Ordinance is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

I. URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT

POLICY 4.12

Install, promote and maintain landscaping in public and private areas.

Fundamental Principles for Neighborhood Environment

#2 In areas where houses have no front yards, a sense of nature can be provided by planting in the sidewalk area.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 8

ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE IN THE CITY.

POLICY 8.2

Protect the habitats of known plant and animal species that require a relatively natural environment.

III. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

POLICY 2.9

Maintain and expand the urban forest.

5. The proposed replacement project is consistent with the eight General Plan priority policies set forth in Section 101.1 in that:

A) The existing neighborhood-serving retail uses will be preserved and enhanced through the addition of more attractive landscaping.

B) The existing housing and neighborhood character will not be adversely impacted by the proposed Ordinance.

C) The City's supply of affordable housing will be preserved and enhanced:

The proposed Ordinance will have no adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

D) The commuter traffic will not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking:

The proposed Ordinance will not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

E) A diverse economic base will be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development. And future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors will be enhanced:

The proposed Ordinance would not adversely affect the industrial or service sectors or future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors.

F) The City will achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

Preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake is unaffected by the proposed amendments. Any new construction or alteration associated with a use would be executed in compliance with all applicable construction and safety measures.

G) That landmark and historic buildings will be preserved:

Landmarks and historic buildings would be unaffected by the proposed amendments. Should a proposed use be located within a landmark or historic building, such site would be evaluated under typical Planning Code provisions and comprehensive Planning Department policies.

- H) Parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas will be protected from development:

The City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas would be unaffected by the proposed amendments. If anything, the proposed Ordinance would better compliment our existing public landscapes with more attractive private landscapes that allow for increased permeability

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Resolution on February 18, 2010.

Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: February 18, 2010

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December 22, 2009

Planning Commission
1660 Mission Street, 5th Floor
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Dear Commissioners:

On **December 15, 2009**, Mayor Newsom introduced the following proposed legislation:

File: 091453

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(b) for public hearing and recommendation of approval or disapproval. The ordinance is pending before the Land Use & Economic Development Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alisa Somera".

By: Alisa Somera, Committee Clerk
Land Use & Economic Development Committee

Attachment

cc: John Rahaim, Director of Planning
Larry Badiner, Zoning Administrator
AnMarie Rodgers, Legislative Affairs
Tara Sullivan, Legislative Affairs
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION SEE THE ATTACHED LEGISLATION

DATE SENT: December 22, 2009

FILE #: 091453

DESCRIPTION: Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance

FROM:

- ☐ Budget & Finance
- ☐ City Operations & Neighborhood Services
- ☐ City & School District Select
- ☐ Government Audit & Oversight
- ☒ Land Use & Economic Development
- ☐ Rules
- ☐ Public Safety

☐ This item is scheduled to be heard in Committee on: N/A

☐ URGENT (response needed within one week) OR: ☒ No date set yet

☐ Hearing or ☒ Legislation referred to:

- ☐ Building Inspection Commission *Charter Section D3.750-5*
- ☐ Ethics Commission *Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.103*
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission *Charter Section 4.135*
- ☒ Planning - Code Amendment *Planning Code Section 302(b) and 306(a) (90 days to respond)*
- ☒ Planning - Environmental review – 30 days to respond
- ☐ Planning - Environmental review (fees) *CEQA CA Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq – 10 days to respond*
- ☐ Planning - Interim Controls *Planning Code Section 306.7(c)*
- ☐ Retirement Board *Campaign & Governmental Code or Elections Code*
- ☐ Small Business Commission *M01-33*
- ☐ Youth Commission *Charter Section 3.720-2; Charter Section 4.124 (12 day to respond)*
- ☒ FYI - Department of Public Works

FILE NO. 091453

ORDINANCE NO.

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deletions are ~~striketrough-italics Times New Roman~~.
Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~striketrough-normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby find and determine that:

(a) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare, for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

(b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that the ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully set forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

1 (c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Chapter 31 of the San
3 Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
5 reference.

6 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
7 102.31, 102.32, and 102.33 and by amending Sections 132, 142, 143, 156, 233, and 304 to
8 read as follows:

9 **SEC. 102.3. VEHICULAR USE AREAS.**

10 Vehicular use areas are defined as any area of the lot not located within any enclosed or
11 partially enclosed structure and that is devoted to a use by or for motor vehicles including parking
12 (accessory or non-accessory); and automotive uses as defined in Section 223 that are not enclosed by a
13 structure, including but not limited to storage of automobiles, trucks or other vehicles; gasoline
14 stations; car washes; motor vehicle repair shops; loading areas; and service areas. Vehicular use
15 areas shall be subject to landscaping and screening requirements per Section 142(b) under the
16 following circumstances:

17 (a) Construction or installation of any vehicular use area;

18 (b) Existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to an existing principal use if the property
19 will add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of the existing buildings
20 on the lot or 3000 square feet, whichever is less;

21 (c) The repair, rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use are, if such change
22 would increase the number of existing parking spaces by 4 or more spaces; or

23 (d) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation
24 involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other pavement devoted to vehicular
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1 use. This provision does not apply to resurfacing of pavement due to emergency work on underground
2 storage tanks, other emergency utility access, or in response to a public health and safety action
3 required by the local, state, or federal government.

4 **SEC. 102.32. ORNAMENTAL FENCING.**

5 A decorative metal fence shall be made of wrought iron or fencing that gives the appearance of
6 wrought-iron fencing, but expressly excludes plastic-based materials, barbed wire, similar non-
7 decorative fences as well as traditional chain-link or woven wire fences. Chain-link or woven wire
8 fences may be used if the fencing visible from the public right-of-way is bordered by rails on the top
9 and bottom and has well-built columns that are at least 8" wide and are topped with caps. The
10 columns shall be spaced no more than 8' apart.

11 **SEC. 102.33. PERMEABLE SURFACES.**

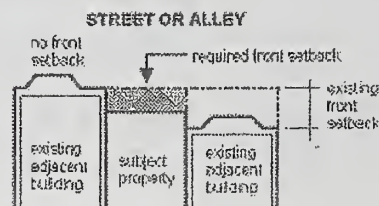
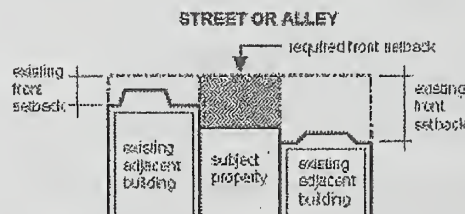
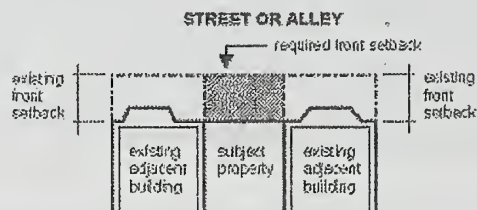
12 Permeable surfaces are those that allow stormwater to infiltrate the underlying soils.
13 Permeable surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, vegetative planting beds, porous asphalt,
14 porous concrete, single-sized aggregate, open-jointed blocks, stone, pavers or brick that are loose-set
15 and without mortar. Permeable surfaces are required to be contained so neither sediment nor the
16 permeable surface discharges off the site.

17 **SEC. 132. FRONT SETBACK AREAS, RTO, RH AND RM DISTRICTS AND FOR**
18 **REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

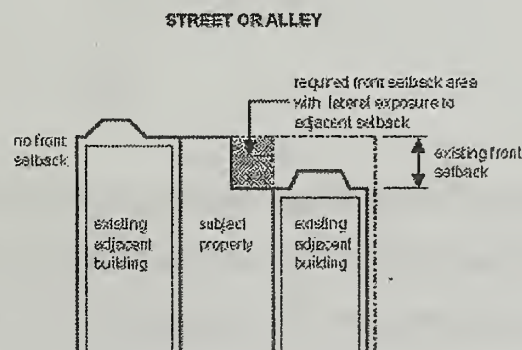
19 The following requirements for minimum front setback areas shall apply to every
20 building in all RH, RTO, and RM Districts, in order to relate the setbacks provided to the
21 existing front setbacks of adjacent buildings. Buildings in RTO Districts which have more than
22 75 feet of street frontage are additionally subject to the Ground Floor Residential Design
23 Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission. Planned Unit
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Developments or PUDs, as defined in Section 304, shall also provide landscaping in required setbacks in accord with Section 132 (g).

(a) Basic Requirement. Where one or both of the buildings adjacent to the subject property have front setbacks along a street or alley, any building or addition constructed, reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two adjacent front setbacks. If only one of the adjacent buildings has a front setback, or if there is only one adjacent building, then the required setback for the subject property shall be equal to one-half the front setback of such adjacent building. In any case in which the lot constituting the subject property is separated from the lot containing the nearest building by an undeveloped lot or lots for a distance of 50 feet or less parallel to the street or alley, such nearest building shall be deemed to be an "adjacent building," but a building on a lot so separated for a greater distance shall not be deemed to be an "adjacent building."



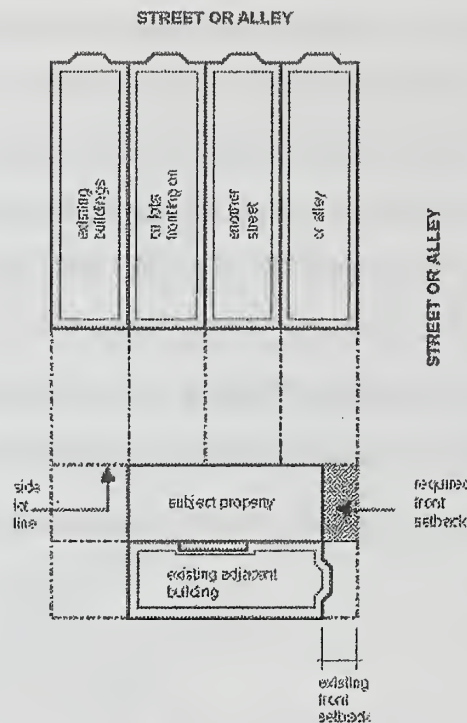
(b) Alternative Method of Averaging. If, under the rules stated in Subsection (a) above, an averaging is required between two adjacent front setbacks, or between one adjacent setback and another adjacent building with no setback, the required setback on the subject property may alternatively be averaged in an irregular manner within the depth between the setbacks of the two adjacent buildings, provided that the area of the resulting setback shall be at least equal to the product of the width of the subject property along the street or alley times the setback depth required by Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section; and provided further, that all portions of the resulting setback area on the subject property shall be directly exposed laterally to the setback area of the adjacent building having the greater setback. In any case in which this alternative method of averaging has been used for the subject property, the extent of the front setback on the subject property for purposes of Subsection (c) below relating to subsequent development on an adjacent site shall be considered to be as required by Subsection (a) above, in the form of a single line parallel to the street or alley.



(c) Method of Measurement. The extent of the front setback of each adjacent building shall be taken as the horizontal distance from the property line along the street or alley to the

building wall closest to such property line, excluding all projections from such wall, all decks and garage structures and extensions, and all other obstructions.

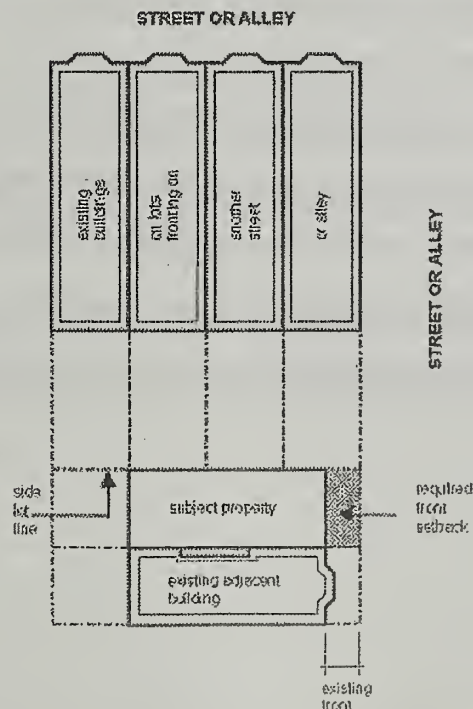
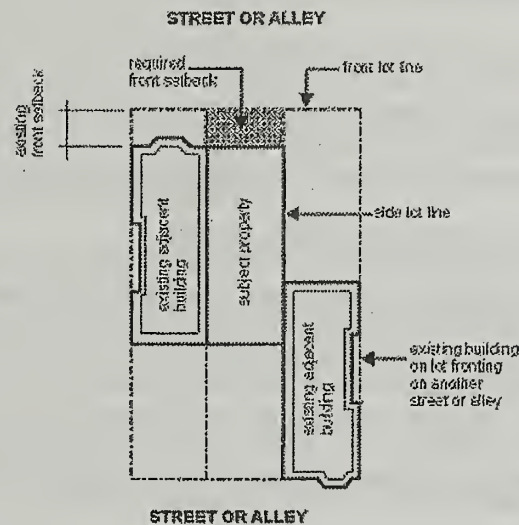
(d) Applicability to Special Lot Situations.



(1) Corner Lots and Lots at Alley Intersections. On a corner lot as defined by this Code, or a lot at the intersection of a street and an alley or two alleys, a front setback area shall be required only along the street or alley elected by the owner as the front of the property. Along such street or alley, the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to 1/2 the front setback of the adjacent building.

(2) Lots Abutting Properties That Front on Another Street or Alley. In the case of any lot that abuts along its side lot line upon a lot that fronts on another street or alley, the lot on

which it so abuts shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building on its opposite side.



1 (3) Lots Abutting RC, C, M and P Districts. In the case of any lot that abuts property in
2 an RC, C, M or P District, any property in such district shall be disregarded, and the required
3 setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building in the
4 RH, RTO, or RM District.

5 (e) Maximum Requirements. The maximum required front setback in any of the cases
6 described in this Section 132 shall be 15 feet from the property line along the street or alley,
7 or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot from such street or alley, whichever results in the
8 lesser requirement. The required setback for lots located within the Bernal Heights Special
9 Use District is set forth in Section 242 of this Code.

10 (f) Permitted Obstructions. Only those obstructions specified in Section 136 of this
11 Code shall be permitted in a required front setback area, and no other obstruction shall be
12 constructed, placed or maintained within any such area. No motor vehicle, trailer, boat or
13 other vehicle shall be parked or stored within any such area, except as specified in Section
14 136.

15 (g) Landscaping and Permeable Surfaces. The landscaping and permeable surface
16 requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of
17 construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or
18 paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back . All front setback areas required
19 by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, and in every case not less than 20
20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant
21 material, including the use of native/drought resistant plant material. For the purposes of this
22 Section, permitted obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back area
23 used to calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.

(h) Permeable Surfaces. The front setback area shall be at least 50% permeable so as to increase stormwater infiltration. The permeable surface may be inclusive of the area counted towards the landscaping requirement; provided, however, that turf pavers or similar planted hardscapes shall be counted only toward the permeable surface requirement and not the landscape requirement.

Permeable surfaces are defined in Section 102.33.

(1) The Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, may waive the permeable surface requirement if the site does not qualify as a suitable location pursuant to Department of Public Works rules and regulations.

(2) If the site receives stormwater run-off from outside the lot boundaries, the Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, may modify the permeable surface requirement to include alternative management strategies, such as bio-retention or other strategies, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission rules and regulations.

(i) Relationship to Legislated Setback Lines. In case of any conflict between the requirements of this Section 132 for front setback areas and a legislated setback line as described in Section 131 of this Code, the more restrictive requirements shall prevail.

SEC. 142. SCREENING AND GREENING OF PARKING AND VEHICLE USE AREAS, ~~R AND NC AND EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS.~~

Off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way in R and NC and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be screened as provided in this Section.

(a) Screening of parking and vehicle use areas less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way:

(1) Every off-street parking space within a building, where not enclosed by solid building walls, shall be screened from view from all streets and alleys through use of garage doors or by some other means.

1 ——— ~~(b)~~ (2) Along rear yard areas and other interior open spaces, all off-street parking
2 spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened from view and
3 confined by solid building walls.

4 ——— ~~(e)~~ (3) Off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall meet the requirements of Section
5 156 and other applicable provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. Such parking areas shall be
6 screened from view as provided in Section 156(d) of this Code.

7 (b) Vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the public right-of-way. All
8 lots containing vehicular use areas where such area has more than 25 linear feet along any public
9 right-of-way shall provide screening in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the
10 Ornamental Fencing Section 102.32. The following instances shall trigger the screening requirements
11 for these vehicle use areas:

12 (1) Any existing vehicular use area that is accessory to an existing principal use if such use
13 expands gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building;

14 (2) Any repair rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use area, if such repair,
15 rehabilitation or expansion would increase the number of existing parking spaces by either more than
16 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is greater; or

17 (3) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation and
18 reconstruction involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other surface devoted to
19 vehicular use. This provision does not apply to the resurfacing due to emergency work to underground
20 utilities if such work is intended to maintain safety or other public purpose beyond the control of the
21 property owner.

22 (c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent
23 to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to
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1 the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque
2 barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:

3 (1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable
4 surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way; or

5 (2) A combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing where the permeable
6 surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has
7 been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the
8 public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins,
9 detention basins or rain gardens, to reduce stormwater runoff.

10 (d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby
11 allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement
12 provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings,
13 pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are
14 provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the
15 public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator
16 may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment
17 would:

18 (1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the
19 use of quality urban design; and

20 (2) Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff.

21 **SEC. 143. STREET TREES,** ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C 3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR,~~
22 ~~SLI AND SSO DISTRICTS.~~

23 (a) In any ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C 3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI AND SSO~~
24 ~~DISTRICTS~~ District, street trees shall be installed by the owner or developer in the case of

1 construction of a new building; relocation of a building; the addition of gross floor area equal to
2 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a
3 garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back and
4 within the RED, SPD, RSD, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI and SSO Districts, in the case of
5 change of 20 percent or more of the occupied floor area of an existing building to another use.

6 (b) The street trees installed shall be a minimum of one tree of 24-inch box size for
7 each 20 feet of frontage of the property along each street or alley, with any remaining fraction
8 of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an additional tree. Such trees shall be located either
9 within a setback area on the lot or within the public right-of-way along such lot.

10 (c) The species of trees selected shall be suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees
11 installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by
12 the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation,
13 maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16
14 of the Public Works Code.

15 (d) In any case in which the Department of Public Works cannot grant approval for
16 installation of a tree in the public right-of-way, on the basis of inadequate sidewalk width,
17 interference with utilities or other reasons regarding the public welfare, and where installation
18 of such tree on the lot itself is also impractical, the tree planning requirements of this Section
19 143 may be modified as described in Subsection 143(f) or (g) or waived as described in Subsection
20 143(g) by the Zoning Administrator to the extent necessary.

21 (e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an
22 alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
23 installation of sidewalk landscaping to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit
24 approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.
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1 ~~(e)~~(f) In C-3, industrial, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Zoning
2 Administrator may allow the installation of planter boxes or tubs or similar landscaping in
3 place of trees when that is determined to be more desirable in order to make the landscaping
4 compatible with the character of the surrounding area, or may waive the requirement in C-3,
5 industrial, and mixed use districts, districts where landscaping is considered to be
6 inappropriate because it conflicts with policies of the Downtown Plan, a component of the
7 General Plan, such as the Downtown Plan policy favoring unobstructed pedestrian passage or
8 the Commerce and Industry Element policies to facilitate industry.

9 ~~(f)~~(g) In Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, street trees shall be installed
10 along all street frontages in the public right of way as set forth in subsection (b). Street tree
11 basins shall be edged with decorative treatment, such as pavers or cobbles, in accordance
12 with City standards. ~~In the event that the Department of Public Works does not approve for any~~
13 ~~reason the installation of the number of trees required as set forth in subsection (b), an in-lieu fee for~~
14 ~~each missed street tree, in an amount set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code, shall be paid to~~
15 ~~the Adopt A Tree Fund. When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as~~
16 ~~an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the~~
17 ~~installation of sidewalk landscaping in accordance with all adopted standards and requirements.~~

18 (h) For each required tree that the Zoning Administrator waives, the permittee shall pay an
19 "in-lieu" street tree fee. This fee shall be the amount specified in the Public Works Code Article 16
20 and be payable prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The fee amount shall be deposited in
21 the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

22 ~~(g)~~(i) DTR and C-3 Districts. In DTR and C-3 Districts, in addition to the requirements
23 of subsections (a)- ~~(d)~~(h) above, all street trees shall:
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1 ~~(1) be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least~~
2 ~~one foot back from the curb line;~~

3 ~~(2) (1)~~ have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height;

4 ~~(3) (2)~~ branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade;

5 ~~(4) (3)~~ where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16
6 square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;

7 ~~(5) (4)~~ where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be
8 protected by a tree grate with a removable inner ring to provide for the tree's growth over time;

9 ~~(6) (5)~~ provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overly-
10 compacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;

11 ~~(7) (6)~~ be irrigated, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in
12 accordance with ~~See. 174 of the~~ Public Works Code, Article 16; and

13 ~~(8) (7)~~ be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the
14 basin for each tree is connected.

15 (i) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required the street
16 tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) – (h) and shall meet the following additional
17 landscaping requirements:

18 (1) A continuous soil trough with structural soils shall be provided that connects the root
19 systems of these street trees to increase tree health is required unless there is a physical constraint.

20 (2) Where ground floor setbacks are required, landscaping is also required in the setbacks per
21 Section 132(g). All building setback areas not occupied by steps, porches or other permitted
22 obstructions shall be permeable as defined in Section 102.33. Setbacks should be designed to provide
23 access to landscaped areas, encouraging active use by residents.

1 (i) A water source should be provided for each residential setback reachable by a 30-
2 foot hose.

3 (ii) To allow for landscaping and street trees at street grade, below-grade parking shall
4 be located at a depth below any surface of the setback to provide a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6
5 inches.

6 (3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements
7 for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or
8 she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements.
9 Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms,
10 detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or
11 additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the site or on the adjacent public
12 right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works.

13 **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

14 (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof
15 solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered
16 a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this
17 Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional
18 use.

19 (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for which
20 conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval shall be
21 required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory uses
22 under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however, apply to
23 all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.

1 (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a specific
2 use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as
3 accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission shall consider
4 the criteria set forth in Section 157.

5 (d) Any vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
6 parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R District, or
7 which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from view
8 therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid
9 wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height.

10 (e) Any vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
11 is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles shall be screened in accordance with the
12 standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas~~within~~
13 ~~the NCT, C 3 O, C 3 R, C 3 S, or C 3 G Districts shall be screened from view from every street, except~~
14 ~~at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen~~
15 ~~hedge, not less than four feet in height.~~

16 (f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of automobiles in
17 any ~~R, NC, C, or South of Market~~ District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such
18 lighting fall entirely within such parking lot.

19 (g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it any
20 dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than of an
21 emergency nature.

22 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT
23 Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses pursuant to the
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provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval;
permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as a conditional use.

(i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of Sections 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened in accordance with the standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas ~~from views from every street, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence or a solid wall not less than four feet in height~~, except where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the subject lot as an open space or play area for nearby residents.

(j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5 parking spaces and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate the surface in areas with less than 5% slope.

(k) Street Tree Requirement. All parking lots shall meet the street tree requirements specified in Section 143.

SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.

All automotive uses that have vehicular use areas defined in Section 102.31 shall meet the screening requirements for vehicular use areas in Section 142.

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may include brakes,
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (14) Such other repairs as may be designated by the Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department as minor repairs under Paragraph 8.09(a)(5)(o) of Part II, Chapter IV (Fire Code) of the San Francisco Municipal Code. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | and in addition the following minor automobile repairs; all such repairs and other activities shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | engines, transmissions and differentials, with repairs to these components done elsewhere. |
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | (2) Repair or rebuilding of transmissions, differentials or radiators; |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | | (3) Reconditioning of badly worn or damaged motor vehicles or trailers; |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | | (4) Collision service, including body, frame or fender straightening or repair; and |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | premises a reservoir of vehicle storage and standing area, outside the washing facilities, equal to at least 1/4 the hourly capacity in vehicles of such facilities; provided, |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | notwithstanding any other provision of this Code; but the foregoing provisions shall not preclude the imposition of any additional conditions pursuant to Section 303 of this Code. |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (k) Tire recapping, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District. |
| E* * | | | | | | | | | | | | | (l) Parking lot, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. |

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| C | | | | | | | | | | | | (m) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is not a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law and is completely enclosed. |
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| <u>P*</u> | * | | | | | | | | | | | (o) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law. |
| C | | | | | | | | | | | | (p) Major (nonaccessory) parking garage not open to the public, as defined in Section 158 and as regulated therein and in Sections 155 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | limited to facilities for the unloading, sorting and reloading of local retail merchandise for home deliveries, where the operation is conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building; including garage facilities for local delivery trucks, but excluding repair shop facilities. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (t) Storage garage for commercial passenger vehicles and light delivery trucks. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (u) Storage yard for commercial vehicles or trucks, if conducted within an area completely enclosed by a wall or concealing fence not less than six feet high. |
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1 **SEC. 304. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

2 In districts other than C-3, the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, the DTR
3 Districts, or the South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Planning Commission may authorize
4 as conditional uses, in accordance with the provisions of Section 303, Planned Unit
5 Developments subject to the further requirements and procedures of this Section. After review
6 of any proposed development, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission may authorize such
7 development as submitted or may modify, alter, adjust or amend the plan before
8 authorization, and in authorizing it may prescribe other conditions as provided in Section
9 303(d). The development as authorized shall be subject to all conditions so imposed and shall
10 be excepted from other provisions of this Code only to the extent specified in the
11 authorization.

12 (a) Objectives. The procedures for Planned Unit Developments are intended for
13 projects on sites of considerable size, developed as integrated units and designed to produce
14 an environment of stable and desirable character which will benefit the occupants, the
15 neighborhood and the City as a whole. In cases of outstanding overall design, complementary
16 to the design and values of the surrounding area, such a project may merit a well reasoned
17 modification of certain of the provisions contained elsewhere in this Code.

18 (b) Nature of Site. The tract or parcel of land involved must be either in one
19 ownership, or the subject of an application filed jointly by the owners of all the property
20 included or by the Redevelopment Agency of the City. It must constitute all or part of a
21 Redevelopment Project Area, or if not must include an area of not less than 1/2 acre,
22 exclusive of streets, alleys and other public property that will remain undeveloped.

23 (c) Application and Plans. The application must describe the proposed development in
24 detail, and must be accompanied by an overall development plan showing, among other
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1 things, the use or uses, dimensions and locations of structures, parking spaces, and areas, if
2 any, to be reserved for streets, open spaces and other public purposes. The application must
3 include such pertinent information as may be necessary to a determination that the objectives
4 of this Section are met, and that the proposed development warrants the modification of
5 provisions otherwise applicable under this Code.

6 (d) Criteria and Limitations. The proposed development must meet the criteria
7 applicable to conditional uses as stated in Section 303(c) and elsewhere in this Code. In
8 addition, it shall:

9 (1) Affirmatively promote applicable objectives and policies of the General Plan;

10 (2) Provide off-street parking adequate for the occupancy proposed;

11 (3) Provide open space usable by the occupants and, where appropriate, by the
12 general public, at least equal to the open spaces required by this Code;

13 (4) Be limited in dwelling unit density to less than the density that would be allowed by
14 Article 2 of this Code for a district permitting a greater density, so that the Planned Unit
15 Development will not be substantially equivalent to a reclassification of property;

16 (5) In R Districts, include commercial uses only to the extent that such uses are
17 necessary to serve residents of the immediate vicinity, subject to the limitations for NC-1
18 Districts under this Code, and in RTO Districts include commercial uses only according to the
19 provisions of Section 230 of this Code;

20 (6) Under no circumstances be excepted from any height limit established by Article
21 2.5 of this Code, unless such exception is explicitly authorized by the terms of this Code. In
22 the absence of such an explicit authorization, exceptions from the provisions of this Code with
23 respect to height shall be confined to minor deviations from the provisions for measurement of
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1 height in Sections 260 and 261 of this Code, and no such deviation shall depart from the
2 purposes or intent of those sections;

3 (7) In NC Districts, be limited in gross floor area to that allowed under the floor area
4 ratio limit permitted for the district in Section 124 and Article 7 of this Code;

5 (8) In NC Districts, not violate the use limitations by story set forth in Article 7 of this
6 Code; and

7 (9) In RTO and NCT Districts, include the extension of adjacent alleys or streets onto
8 or through the site, and/or the creation of new publicly-accessible streets or alleys through the
9 site as appropriate, in order to break down the scale of the site, continue the surrounding
10 existing pattern of block size, streets and alleys, and foster beneficial pedestrian and vehicular
11 circulation.

12 (10) Provide street trees as per the requirements of Section 143(j) of the Code.

13 (11) Provide landscaping and permeable surfaces in any required setbacks in accordance with
14 Section 132 (g) and (h).

15 Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 805 to
16 read as follows:

17 **SEC. 805. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET TREES.**

18 (a) Responsibilities of Property Owners. Except as specified in Subsections 805(b)
19 and (c) below, it shall be the duty of owners of lots or portions of lots immediately abutting on,
20 fronting on or adjacent to any street tree to maintain such street tree. This duty shall include
21 both routine and major maintenance of the street tree. It shall be the responsibility of all public
22 agencies, including City, State and federal agencies, to maintain street trees abutting on such
23 public agency's property in accordance with this Section. In addition, and in accordance with
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1 Section 706 of this Code, abutting property owners shall be responsible for the care and
2 maintenance of the sidewalk and sidewalk areas adjacent to any street tree.

3 Any person who suffers injury or property damage as a legal result of the failure of the
4 owner to so maintain a street tree, sidewalk and sidewalk areas shall have a cause of action
5 for such injury or property damage against such property owner. In addition to its rights under
6 Section 706 of this Code, the City and County of San Francisco shall have a cause of action
7 for indemnity against such property owner for any damages the City may be required to pay
8 as satisfaction of any judgment or settlement of any claim that results from injury to persons or
9 property as a legal result of the failure of the owner to maintain a street tree in accordance
10 with this Section.

11 The Department shall have available to interested persons, upon request, public
12 pruning standards to ensure that street trees receive proper care.

13 (b) Responsibilities of the Department. The Department may, at the Director's
14 discretion, determine to undertake the regular routine and/or major maintenance of certain
15 street trees or corridors of street trees to promote consistency in the maintenance of trees or
16 in the public interest. Where the Department determines to undertake such regular
17 maintenance of street trees, the Director shall specify in writing by Departmental Order those
18 trees or corridors of trees for which it has undertaken maintenance responsibility and shall
19 specify in writing whether the Department will be responsible for routine or major
20 maintenance, or both. Such determinations by the Department shall be readily accessible to
21 property owners and members of the public. Where the Department has undertaken certain
22 maintenance responsibility for street trees in writing, the abutting property owner shall be
23 relieved of responsibility for such street tree maintenance.

1 Where the Department assumes maintenance responsibilities after the effective date of
2 this Article, it shall send written notice of that fact to the abutting property owner.

3 (c) Street Tree Establishment and Replacement of Dead Street Trees.

4 (1) Establishment of Street Trees. The establishment period for newly planted street
5 trees shall be three years from the date of planting. If the street tree is not adequately established at
6 the end of this period, the Director shall treat this as an injury to the tree, as defined in Section 802(g),
7 and may seek penalties for violation, as set forth in Section 811. The Director may establish rules,
8 regulations, or any other form of written guidelines concerning standards for proper care and
9 maintenance during the establishment period.

10 (2) Replacement of Dead Street Trees. The permittee or agency responsible for a street
11 tree shall replace a dead street tree within six months of the demise or removal of the tree. Removal of
12 a dead street tree and planting of a replacement street tree shall be subject to all requirements set forth
13 in this Article for removal and planting. The Director is authorized to waive this replacement
14 requirement and may place conditions on any such waiver, which may include, but is not limited to,
15 replacement planting at an alternate location or payment of the in-lieu fee. Any such waiver shall be in
16 writing.

17 (d) Department Inventory and Publication of Street Tree Responsibilities. The
18 Department shall use its best efforts to maintain an inventory of all trees under its jurisdiction.

19 As of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall continue to maintain street
20 trees listed in its database as Department-maintained trees. Such information shall be made
21 available to the public upon request.

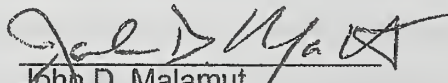
22 Within 120 days of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall publish in a
23 newspaper of general circulation in the City a list of all trees or corridors of trees maintained
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1 ~~(d)~~ (e) Department Relinquishment of Street Tree Maintenance. The Director may, in
2 his or her discretion, determine to relinquish tree maintenance responsibilities for certain trees
3 or corridors of trees. Prior to such relinquishment, the Director shall post the affected trees
4 and send notice to abutting property owners of the Department's intent to relinquish
5 maintenance responsibilities on a date certain. Within 10 days of the posting and mailing of
6 such notice, any affected property owner may object in writing to such relinquishment. At the
7 written request of any person, the Director will hold a hearing prior to relinquishing
8 maintenance responsibility for a particular tree or corridor of trees. The Director's decision on
9 such relinquishment shall be final and nonappealable.

10 Prior to relinquishing maintenance responsibilities, the Department shall perform all
11 necessary major tree maintenance. As of the date designated by the Director, all tree
12 maintenance and tree-related maintenance shall be the responsibility of the abutting property
13 owner.

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance.]

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for “vehicle use area”, “ornamental fencing”, and “permeable surface”; amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Planning Code contain various provisions concerning screening, landscaping, and street tree requirements associated with various uses. The Public Works Code Article 16 governs the regulatory process for planting, removing, and maintaining street trees.

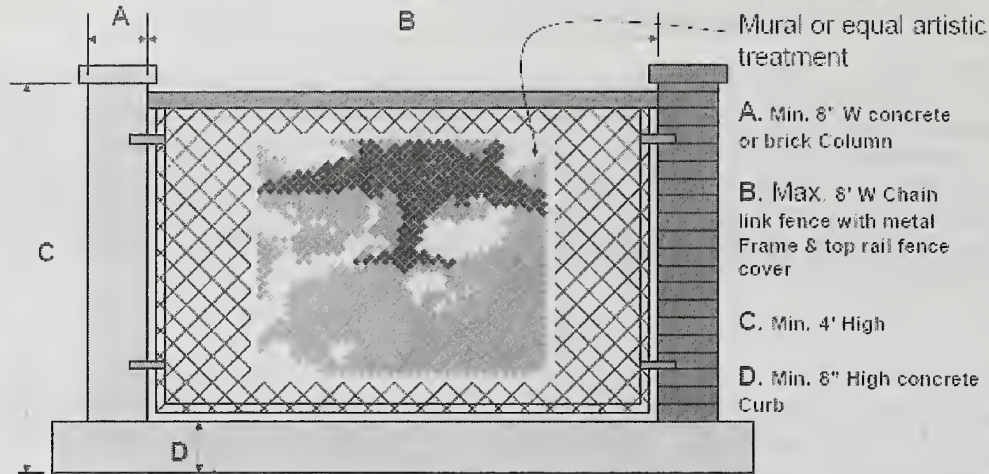
Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would create or modify Planning Code provisions on greening, screening, and landscaping, including street tree requirements, and provide for a process by which the Zoning Administrator could modify some these provisions under certain circumstances. The legislation would add definitions for vehicular use area; ornamental fencing, and permeable surfaces. The Ordinance would amend the Public Works Code to delineate an establishment period for street trees and process to address the replacement of dead street trees. The Ordinance would make environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

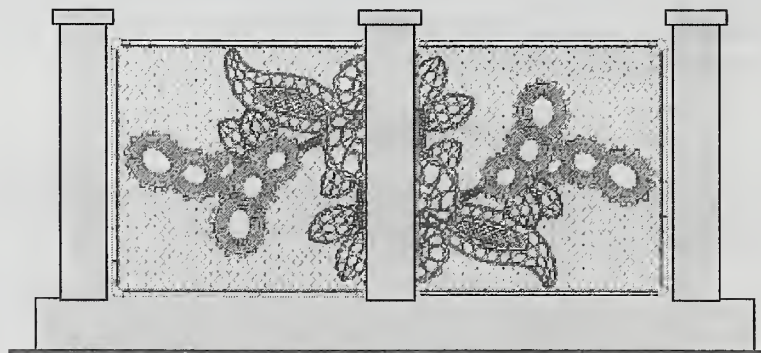
This Ordinance seeks to enhance environmental benefits and the City's aesthetic quality through increasing permeable surfaces, street planting, and landscaping in the City.

Decorative Chainlink Fence



A chainlink fence visible from a street **must provide** visual interest through the use of different materials, strong posts & cap. 50% of the chainlink fence panel should have fence art made with snap-in-cups, mural or attach flat art objects. Advertisement banners are prohibited.

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LOCAL ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLE: Federal Reserve Bank



Better design approach for chainlink
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Position Paper on the Retention of Pines Infected with Pitch Canker

(REVISED September 25, 2001)

The purpose of this document is to update the position of the Pitch Canker Task Force concerning when the presence of pitch canker justifies the removal of a diseased tree. Decisions concerning tree removal are often complex and the following information is a general policy statement and not a substitute for on-site professional hazard tree evaluation.

Monterey pine, along with many other pine species, is susceptible to pitch canker. The earliest symptom of pitch canker is dieback in the canopy, caused by infections on individual branches. Infections on large branches and the main stem of a tree can lead to top-kill and, in some cases, death of the entire tree. Trees differ in their susceptibility to pitch canker (see "What is Genetic Resistance?"), but nearly all will sustain some infections. Thus, when a tree shows early symptoms of pitch canker, it is not possible to predict how far the disease will progress in that tree. Recent research indicates that approximately 10% of Monterey pines are at least somewhat resistant to pitch canker; and will not sustain serious damage from this disease. Furthermore, some trees that do become heavily infected will recover from pitch canker.

Pitch canker infection is not a sole reason to remove a tree. The decision to remove a tree should be based on more general criteria, such as safety. Thus, if a tree has been deemed hazardous for any reason, it should be removed, regardless of its prospects for recovery from pitch canker.

Any recovery of the tree will be from living material. Infected trees may have numerous dead branches or the top section of the tree may be dead. Dead parts of the tree will not recover and will become increasingly weakened and unpredictable over time. Large dead material should be mitigated as soon as possible. Sometimes the tree may need to be removed even if it shows signs of recovery.

Most pitch canker affected trees will be found in areas where the disease is already present, and the above policy will be applicable. However, where pitch canker occurs in an area that is otherwise free of the disease, more aggressive efforts might be appropriate. To determine if this is applicable to your situation, contact your city forester, county agriculture commissioner, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or your local U.C. Cooperative Extension office. Please keep in mind that county or municipal regulations may require that a permit be obtained prior to tree removal.



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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

CANCELLED MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 416, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102**

The Urban Forestry Council's February 23, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Room 400. An agenda will be prepared and distributed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Urban Forestry Council Coordinator at (415) 355-3731 or the Council Secretary at (415) 355-3709. You may also visit the Urban Forestry Council website at <https://sites.google.com/a/sfenvironment.org/commission/urban-forestry-council> for additional meeting information.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Posted: March 2, 2010

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Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

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**Friday, March 26, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
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Council Members: Terry Milne (Chair), Maria D'Agostino (Vice-Chair), Jocelyn Cohen, Larry Costello, Malcolm Hillan, Naomi LeBeau, Bonnie Ora Sherk, AnMarie Rodgers (San Francisco Planning Department), Chris Buck (San Francisco Department of Public Works), and Kelaine Vargas; **Advisory Members:** Susan Nervo (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department), Mark Sustarich (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (Vacant); National Park Service (Vacant)

Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui **Commission Secretary:** Monica Fish

**Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.
Order of Business**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of Minutes of the January 22, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: January 22, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
4. **Urban Forestry Council Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Update.** Written Report by David Assmann, Acting Director (Information and Discussion)
5. **Urban Forestry Council Strategic Planning and Scheduling of a Part 2 Retreat Meeting.** Speaker: Mei Ling Hui, Council Coordinator (Discussion and Possible Action)
6. **Review and Approval of Urban Forestry Council Draft Resolution to support the proposed Board of Supervisors Green Landscaping Ordinance.** Sponsor: Member Rodgers; Speakers: Member Rodgers and Bart Broome, Government Relations Officer, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Continued from the January 22, 2010 Meeting) (Explanatory Documents: Planning Commission Packet, Green Landscaping Ordinance Proposed Amendments, Draft Resolution, SFPUC Letter to the Urban Forestry Council on Proposed Amendments to the Green Landscaping Ordinance) (Discussion and Action)

7. **Review and Approval of Urban Forestry Council Draft Resolution to support recommendations of the Pine Pitch Canker Task Force on solutions to address Pine Pitch Canker.** Sponsor: Chair Milne; Speakers: Chair Milne and Member Buck (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution and Pine Pitch Canker Task Force Recommendations) (Discussion and Action)
8. **Discussion of Amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to encompass Groups of Trees.** Sponsor/Speaker: Member Cohen (Discussion)
9. **Nomination of Urban Forestry Council Officers.** (Discussion and Action)
10. **Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Informational Report and Discussion) (Explanatory Document: Staff Report)
11. **Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion) Planning & Funding Committee. Chair's Report on March 18, 2010 Meeting and discussion about the next meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Chair's Report

12. **Chair's Announcements:** Terry Milne, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)
13. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion).
14. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
15. **Adjournment.**

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 416, City Hall.

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

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1. Briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public, or
2. Request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or
3. Directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a).)

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Urban Forestry Council
San Francisco Department of the Environment
City and County of San Francisco
11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Posted: March 22, 2010

1 [Support of Green Landscaping Ordinance]

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3 **Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the Green**
4 **Landscaping Ordinance.**

5 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Urban Forestry Council is to guide the stewardship of
6 San Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all
7 San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council considers issues as they relate to trees on
9 property managed by government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private property
10 owners; and,

11 WHEREAS, Section 1203 of the Urban Forestry Council Ordinance establishes that the
12 Council shall advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, City departments and Commissions on
13 urban forestry concerns; and,

14 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009 Mayor Newsom and Supervisors Carmen Chu and
15 Bevan Dufty introduced the Green Landscaping Ordinance [BF 091453]; and,

16 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has stated that it intends to consider the
17 Ordinance within 90 days of introduction; and,

18 WHEREAS, the Ordinance impacts various landscaping issues, including street tree
19 matters such as (1) increasing the triggers where street trees would be required; (2)
20 increasing the zoning districts where street trees would be required; (3) increasing the size of
21 the street tree required; (4) increasing the requirements for large Planned Unit Developments
22 (PUD); (5) adding a street tree requirement for parking lots; and (6) adding an interior tree
23 requirement for parking lots; and, now therefore be it,

1 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends approval of this proposed
2 Ordinance to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors; and, therefore be
3 it,

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council specifically supports the
5 following components of the proposed Ordinance and commends the Mayor and Supervisors
6 Carmen Chu and Bevan Dufty for including the following components in the proposed
7 legislation_____; and, therefore be it,

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends that the Mayor
9 and or the Board of Supervisors make the following modifications to the proposed
10 Ordinance:_____.

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12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forestry Council at its
13 regular meeting on February 23, 2010.

14 _____
15 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

16 VOTE:

17 Ayes:

18 Noes:

19 Absent:



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary Planning Code Text Change HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Project Name: Green Landscaping Ordinance
Case Number: 2009.1172T [Board File No. 09-1453]
Initiated by: Mayor Newsom/ Supervisors Carmen Chu & Bevan Dufty
Introduced: December 15, 2009
Staff Contact: AnMarie Rodgers, Manager Legislative Affairs
anmarie.rodgers@sfgov.org, 415-558-6395

Recommendation: **Recommend Approval with Modifications**

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PLANNING CODE AMENDMENT

The proposed Ordinance introduced by Mayor Newsom, Supervisors Carmen Chu and Bevan Dufty would amend various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" it would also amend the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees.

The Way It Is Now:

The Proposed Ordinance amends five existing Sections of the Planning Code and one Section of the Public Works Code. Below is a concise summary of the pertinent components of the Sections proposed for amendment.

- **Section 132 – Front Setback Areas**

Currently the Section regulates front setback areas for one to three dwelling unit homes and for low to high density mixed apartment and house districts (RH, RTO and RM). The landscaping controls articulated in Subsection (g) requires that 20% of the front yard setback to remain unpaved and devoted to plant material including the use of native/drought resistant plant material.

- **Section 142 – Screening of Parking Areas**

This Section of the Code currently applies to residential, neighborhood commercial, and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts. It requires the following 1) every parking space within a building not enclosed by solid walls shall be screened by doors or similar means; 2) along rear yards and interior open spaces all parking spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened by solid building walls; and 3) off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall be screened according to Section 156(d).

- **Section 143 – Street Trees**

This Section of the Code requires street trees in districts that are either residential, neighborhood commercial, South Park, Downtown, South of Market or Eastern Neighborhoods mixed use districts. This requirement currently only applies to applications that would construct a new building, relocate a building, or add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the existing building. Project sponsors generally must plant one 24"-box tree for every 20 feet for frontage or pay the existing "in-lieu" fee. In the Downtown Residential districts there are further specifications regarding the size of the tree, the sidewalk basin, and other features.

- **Section 156 – Parking Lots**

This Section of the Code establishes provisions for parking lots that are both accessory to other uses or that are the principal use for the site. Current controls require parking for two or more cars and that adjoins a residential district or parking for 10 or more cars within the NCT, C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-S, or C-3-G districts to be screened by a solid fence, wall, or compact evergreen hedge not less than four feet. Within the South of Market RED, SPD, RSD, SLR, SLI or SSO Districts parking must also be screened from views from every street by a solid fence.

- **Section 223—Automotive**

This Section of the Code is a table that specifies the zoning districts where "automotive" uses are allowed and whether the use is permitted, not permitted or permitted by conditional use authorization.

- **Section 304 – Planned Unit Developments**

This Section of the Code establishes provisions for "Planned Unit Developments" for larger developments that are either under the jurisdiction of the Redevelopment Agency or are under one ownership and are larger than ½ acre.

Below is a concise summary of the existing Section of the Public Works Code that is proposed for amendment:

- **Public Works Code 805 – Responsibility for Maintenance of Street Trees**

This Section of the Public Works Code discusses the responsibility for maintenance of street trees.

The Way It Would Be:

The proposed Ordinance would create the following new Sections within the Planning Code:

- **New Section 102.3– Vehicle Use Area: Definition & Controls**

The proposed Ordinance would create a new definition, "vehicle use areas" that would describe unenclosed and partially enclosed areas for use by vehicles or for the maneuvering of vehicles. Examples of these spaces would be the maneuvering area around gas stations, car washes, repair shops etc. These "vehicular use areas" would be subject to proposed screening requirements in Section 142 in the following circumstances:

1. the creation of new vehicular use area;

2. existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to a principal use where the principal use is expanding by 20% or more or by 3000 square feet, whichever is less;
3. the addition of 4 or more parking spaces to an existing vehicular use area; or
4. the excavation or reconstruction of 50% or more of an existing vehicle use area, emergency utility work excavation is exempted.

- **Proposed New Section 102.32 – Ornamental Fencing: Definition & Controls**

The proposed Ordinance would create a new definition for “ornamental fencing” to describe a decorative metal fence made of wrought iron or giving the appearance of wrought iron. Some woven wire fencing may be used if the fencing is capped at the top and bottom and includes well-built columns that are at least 8” wide. (See illustration in Exhibit C.)

- **New Section 102.33– Permeable Surfaces: Definition**

This proposed new Section would create a definition for Permeable Surfaces. Permeable surfaces would be those that allow stormwater to infiltrate to the underlying soil and would include things such as planting beds, porous asphalt, aggregate, open jointed blocks and pavers that are loose-set without mortar.

The proposed Ordinance would amend the following existing Sections within the Planning Code:

- **Section 132 – Front Setback Areas**

The proposed Ordinance would amend this Section to add subsection (h) to require that the front setback not only include 20% plant materials as currently articulated in subsection (g), but also to require that at least 50% of the front setback to be permeable. The permeable requirement may be met by combining the 20% landscaping requirement with additional planted area or other groundcover that allows infiltration of water as defined by the proposed Section 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. Both the plant material requirement and the permeable surface requirement would be include new “triggers” for when the requirements would apply. The requirements would apply to projects proposing construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or the paving or repaving of more than 25 square feet of the front setback. This Section would be made to apply to required setbacks for Planned Unit Developments.

- **Section 142 – Screening of Parking Areas**

The proposed Ordinance would expand the districts that needed to screen parking areas to include all districts. Parking and “vehicle use areas” that are less than 25 linear feet would continue to be screened per existing controls. Parking and “vehicle use areas” that are greater than 25 linear feet would be subject to new screening requirements. The new screening requirement would be triggered if a) the principal use associated with the area expands by 20% or more; b) the vehicle use area expands in size by 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is

greater; or c) the vehicle use area is excavated and more than 50% is repaved¹. The new screening requirement for vehicle use areas would require one of two features, either:

1. ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4' high combined with a 5' across permeable surface or
2. a combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing with the same area as option one would provide but configured so as to provide either a publicly accessible amenity or a natural drainage system to reduce runoff.

Further, this Section would be flexible in that the Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of the subsection to allow alternative landscaping treatments where these treatments are either visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the public right-of-way consistent with Section 810B of the Public Works Code. In allowing a substitution of the requirements, the Zoning Administrator must find that the alternative both 1) enhances the pedestrian experience and 2) promotes the reduction of stormwater runoff.

- **Section 143 – Street Trees**

The proposed Ordinance would expand the requirement to apply to all zoning districts. The Ordinance would also increase the “triggers” for when street trees would be required to include:

- 1) the addition of a new dwelling unit;
- 2) the addition of new parking or a new garage; and
- 3) the paving or repaving of more than 25 sf of the front set-back.

In instances where a street tree could not be planted², the Ordinance would allow the substitution of a street tree with a sidewalk landscaping subject to DPW approval. In the event that DPW cannot approve the tree or the sidewalk landscaping, an “in-lieu” fee would be charged per DPW Code. Note: this in-lieu fee currently exists, the proposed Ordinance merely includes a reference to this existing fee.

The proposed Ordinance would apply the specific controls for trees in the Downtown Transit Residential district to the Downtown Office districts (C-3) regarding the tree trunk size, the planting basin, soil specifications and related criteria.

Lastly, with regards to Section 143, the proposed Ordinance would add requirements that Planned Unit Developments of ½ acre or more provide a continuous soil trough that connects tree basins for healthier trees and specifications for the front yard setback. Specifically PUD’s

¹ The last provision does not apply if the work is done to maintain safety or other public purposes beyond the control of the property owner.

² DPW Work Order #19,946 restricts the planting of trees in the following circumstances: 1) within 25' of a traffic sign; 2) within 25' of the approach to an intersection and 10' of the exit of the intersection; 3) within 9-21' of a streetlight (depending on size of light); 4) within 6' of a utility pole; 5) within 3' of a parking sign; 6) within 3-5' of utility lines, fire hydrants and street furniture; 7) within 10' of a fire escape; 8) within a bus zone if the sidewalk is less than 15'; 9) within a restricted parking “blue zone”; 10) within 12-15' of existing trees; and 11) within 3-5' of a parking meter.

would be required to provide a water source for each residential setback area to enable small garden and to setback below grade parking so that a minimum soil depth of at least 3'-6" is preserved. Again, the Zoning Administrator would be able to modify these requirements if substitutions are provided that offer equal or greater ecological benefit.

- **Section 156 – Parking Lots**

This Section of the Code would establish 2 tiers of screening requirements for parking and the proposed "vehicle use areas".

1. The smallest parking and vehicle use areas that are less than 25 linear feet along the right-of-way would retain the existing screening standards: screened from view by a solid fence, wall or compact evergreen hedge not less than 4' high.
2. Parking or vehicle use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the right-of-way would be screened according to the controls proposed in Section 142.

- **Section 223 – Automotive**

The proposed Ordinance would add a note to the beginning of this table stating that automotive uses that have vehicular use areas shall meet the screening requirements of Section 142. It would also remove references to the C-1 district as there are no C-1 parcels remaining in San Francisco.

- **Section 304 – Planned Unit Developments**

The proposed Ordinance would amend this Section to cross-reference the new requirement described in Section 143 Street Trees and Section 132 Front Setbacks (g) and (f).

The proposed Ordinance would amend the following Section of the Public Works Code:

- **Public Works Code 805 – Responsibility for Maintenance of Street Trees**

The proposed Ordinance would expand this section of the Public Works Code to state that property owners must ensure that trees are adequately cared for during the three year establishment period. Property owners may be fined for failure to provide proper care. Further, if a tree dies it must be removed and replaced within six months. The Director of DPW may allow alternative planting locations for the replacement tree or may allow payment of the in-lieu fee instead of a physical replacement.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may recommend adoption, rejection, or adoption with modifications to the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Commission recommend *approval with two, minor modifications* to the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

Recommended Modifications

- **Section 132- Technical Clarifications.** The proposed amendments list RTO as a new addition to this Section. RTO was incorporated into this Section in April 3, 2008 by Ordinance Number 298-08. Some of the proposed text hyphenates setback as “set-back” whereas the Planning Code typically does not hyphenate this word.
- **Section 132- Content Change.** At the request of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Department recommends adding text stating that landscaping in the front setback must comply with Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Ordinance seeks to achieve a more comprehensive greening effort in the city, combining environmental and aesthetic goals, called “Green Landscaping Ordinance”. The improvements, including landscaping and perimeter site controls complement existing and recently proposed standards such as the Better Streets Plan, the Green Building Ordinance, and the Stormwater Requirement and Design Guidelines. The proposed Ordinance complements a national movement to return to gardening that includes everyone from First Lady Michele Obama to local slow food guru, Alice Waters.

The Department believes the proposed controls will enhance new development and significant alterations to achieve the following environmental and aesthetic goals:

1. healthier and more plentiful plantings through screening, parking lot, and street tree controls;
2. increased permeability through front yard and parking lot controls; and
3. improved screening by creating an ornamental fencing requirement and requiring screening for newly defined “vehicle use areas”.

The proposed Ordinance reconsiders some basic requirements to both increase the “green” components in the landscape and to add flexibility in how the requirements may be satisfied, thereby allowing developers more options to meet the City’s expectations.

Discussion of Public Requests for Modification

Some members of the public have advocated for an alternate “trigger” or method of requiring street trees by tying the provision of street trees to the value of the construction project. For instance, requiring a street tree for any construction over \$75,000. While it may be possible to develop a fee or requirement along such lines, this method of calculating the street tree requirement likely would result in characterization of the fee/street requirement as development exaction and/or fee. Such a program would be subject to State and federal law on development fees. Further, the City’s practice prior to adopting such fees or requirements is to perform the requisite analyses that demonstrates a connection or nexus between the impact of the project and the required fee/requirement.

On the other hand, the staff’s recommended approach to street tree requirements is to treat this as part of the urban design/zoning requirements associated with permit review in the same manner as other zoning requirements such as set backs, height limits, facade design, etc. The staff’s recommended approach also

eliminates the need to perform a costly fee analysis and to ensure that the proposed alternate method meets all the legal requirements imposed through state and federal law. The Department recommends not changing the triggers from those identified in the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance as written will greatly expand the impact of Section 143 and the number of instances when street trees will be required.

Discussion of Other Agency Request for Modification

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance and has requested some modifications to the Ordinance. The SFPUC's embraces new permeable surfaces that may be created by the proposed Ordinance. Specifically, SFPUC staff found that complying with the Ordinance may "greatly reduce the overall runoff coefficient by 17%". At the same time, the PUC is preparing an irrigation ordinance to comply with state law that will set absolute limits on water usage. To that end, the SFPUC would like to insert language to clarify that plants and street trees required by Sections 132, 142, and 143 of the Planning Code must comply with Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code and/or the applicable articles of the Public Works Code. Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code is regulated by the SFPUC and currently applies to irrigated landscaped areas of 1000 square feet or more. In the future, specific low water plants may be required. Therefore, it is appropriate to reference both the Administrative Code and Public Works Code which provide further planting regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed amendment is exempt from environmental review under Section 15060(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department staff have met with Alan Grossman, executive director of the SF Urban Forest Coalition and received email correspondence from Jake Sigg, Board of Directors for the San Francisco Chapter of the Native Plant Society. Mr. Grossman's primary interest is changing a trigger for the street tree requirement as described on page six of this report under the title "Discussion of Public Requests for Modification". Mr. Sigg's concern is that the City not mandate particular plant species be used. From his letter:

"I looked at plants of the list on the website <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/docs/wucols00.pdf>. The plants stipulated as Low or Very Low for the North Central Coast were mostly incorrect, and after two pages I stopped perusing, as I found the list to be useless as a guide to the type of plants you want for the Planning Code or Public Works Code. That list should be worked on by gardeners, as opposed to . . . practitioners without lots of direct experience with the land. I have had a lifetime of experience with both exotic and native plants and could work on a list, but it would take far more time than I have available. You really should not use the list as is.

Not all native plants are drought tolerant, so that should be noted. There are many native and non-native plants that are tolerant of drought. However, drought tolerance should not be the sole criterion. City policy, as well as current trends worldwide, encourage providing habitat value for wildlife. For that purpose it is hard to beat native plants."

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| RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation of Approval with Modifications |
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Attachments:

Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution
Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 09-1453
Exhibit C: Illustrations of Ornamental Fencing



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Draft Planning Commission Resolution Planning Code Text Change HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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Project Name: Green Landscaping Ordinance
Case Number: 2009.1172T [Board File No. 09-1453]
Initiated by: Mayor Newsom/ Supervisors Carmen Chu & Bevan Dufty
Introduced: December 15, 2009
Staff Contact: AnMarie Rodgers, Manager Legislative Affairs
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Recommendation: **Recommend Approval with Modifications**

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE PLANNING CODE TO ADDRESS SCREENING, GREENING, STREET TREE, AND PERMEABILITY REQUIREMENTS; CREATING DEFINITIONS FOR "VEHICLE USE AREA," "ORNAMENTAL FENCING," AND "PERMEABLE SURFACE;" IT WOULD ALSO AMEND THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE SECTION 805 TO CREATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STREET TREES AND REPLACEMENT OF DEAD STREET TREES.

PREAMBLE

Whereas, on December 15, 2009, Mayor Newsom and Supervisors Chu and Dufty introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 09-1453 which would amend various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle use area," "ornamental fencing," and "permeable surface;" it would also amend the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and

Whereas, on February 18, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance; and

Whereas, the proposed zoning changes have been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c)(2); and

Whereas, the Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff, and other interested parties; and

Whereas, the all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

MOVED, that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors recommends *approval of the proposed Ordinance* and adopts the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The proposed Ordinance seeks to achieve a more comprehensive greening effort in the city, combining environmental and aesthetic goals, called "Green Landscaping Ordinance". The improvements, including landscaping and perimeter site controls, complement existing and recently proposed standards such as the Better Streets Plan, the Green Building Ordinance, and the Stormwater Requirement and Design Guidelines;
2. The proposed Ordinance will enhance new development and significant alterations to achieve the following environmental and aesthetic goals:
 - a. healthier and more plentiful plantings through screening, parking lot, and street tree controls;
 - b. increased permeability through front yard and parking lot controls; and
3. improved screening by creating an ornamental fencing requirement and requiring screening for newly defined "vehicle use areas";
4. **General Plan Compliance.** The proposed Ordinance is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

I. URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT

POLICY 4.12

Install, promote and maintain landscaping in public and private areas.

Fundamental Principles for Neighborhood Environment

#2 In areas where houses have no front yards, a sense of nature can be provided by planting in the sidewalk area.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 8

ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE IN THE CITY.

POLICY 8.2

Protect the habitats of known plant and animal species that require a relatively natural environment.

III. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

POLICY 2.9

Maintain and expand the urban forest.

5. The proposed replacement project is consistent with the eight General Plan priority policies set forth in Section 101.1 in that:

A) The existing neighborhood-serving retail uses will be preserved and enhanced through the addition of more attractive landscaping.

B) The existing housing and neighborhood character will not be adversely impacted by the proposed Ordinance.

C) The City's supply of affordable housing will be preserved and enhanced:

The proposed Ordinance will have no adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

D) The commuter traffic will not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking:

The proposed Ordinance will not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

E) A diverse economic base will be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development. And future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors will be enhanced:

The proposed Ordinance would not adversely affect the industrial or service sectors or future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors.

F) The City will achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

Preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake is unaffected by the proposed amendments. Any new construction or alteration associated with a use would be executed in compliance with all applicable construction and safety measures.

G) That landmark and historic buildings will be preserved:

Landmarks and historic buildings would be unaffected by the proposed amendments. Should a proposed use be located within a landmark or historic building, such site would be evaluated under typical Planning Code provisions and comprehensive Planning Department policies.

- H) Parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas will be protected from development:

The City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas would be unaffected by the proposed amendments. If anything, the proposed Ordinance would better complement our existing public landscapes with more attractive private landscapes that allow for increased permeability

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Resolution on February 18, 2010.

Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: February 18, 2010

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The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(b) for public hearing and recommendation of approval or disapproval. The ordinance is pending before the Land Use & Economic Development Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION SEE THE ATTACHED LEGISLATION

DATE SENT: December 22, 2009

FILE #: 091453

DESCRIPTION: Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance

FROM:

- ☐ Budget & Finance
- ☐ City Operations & Neighborhood Services
- ☐ City & School District Select
- ☐ Government Audit & Oversight
- ☒ Land Use & Economic Development
- ☐ Rules
- ☐ Public Safety

☐ This item is scheduled to be heard in Committee on: N/A

☐ URGENT (response needed within one week) OR: ☒ No date set yet

☐ Hearing or ☒ Legislation referred to:

- ☐ Building Inspection Commission *Charter Section D3.750-5*
- ☐ Ethics Commission *Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.103*
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission *Charter Section 4.135*
- ☒ Planning - Code Amendment *Planning Code Section 302(b) and 306(a) (90 days to respond)*
- ☒ Planning - Environmental review – 30 days to respond
- ☐ Planning - Environmental review (fees) *CEQA CA Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq – 10 days to respond*
- ☐ Planning - Interim Controls *Planning Code Section 306.7(c)*
- ☐ Retirement Board *Campaign & Governmental Code or Elections Code*
- ☐ Small Business Commission *M01-33*
- ☐ Youth Commission *Charter Section 3.720-2; Charter Section 4.124 (12 day to respond)*
- ☒ FYI - Department of Public Works

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Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby find and determine that:

(a) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare, for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

(b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that the ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully set forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

1 (c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Chapter 31 of the San
3 Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
5 reference.

6 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
7 102.31, 102.32, and 102.33 and by amending Sections 132, 142, 143, 156, 233, and 304 to
8 read as follows:

9 **SEC. 102.3. VEHICULAR USE AREAS.**

10 Vehicular use areas are defined as any area of the lot not located within any enclosed or
11 partially enclosed structure and that is devoted to a use by or for motor vehicles including parking
12 (accessory or non-accessory); and automotive uses as defined in Section 223 that are not enclosed by a
13 structure, including but not limited to storage of automobiles, trucks or other vehicles; gasoline
14 stations; car washes; motor vehicle repair shops; loading areas; and service areas. Vehicular use
15 areas shall be subject to landscaping and screening requirements per Section 142(b) under the
16 following circumstances:

17 (a) Construction or installation of any vehicular use area;

18 (b) Existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to an existing principal use if the property
19 will add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of the existing buildings
20 on the lot or 3000 square feet, whichever is less;

21 (c) The repair, rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use are, if such change
22 would increase the number of existing parking spaces by 4 or more spaces; or

23 (d) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation
24 involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other pavement devoted to vehicular
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1 use. This provision does not apply to resurfacing of pavement due to emergency work on underground
2 storage tanks, other emergency utility access, or in response to a public health and safety action
3 required by the local, state, or federal government.

4 **SEC. 102.32. ORNAMENTAL FENCING.**

5 A decorative metal fence shall be made of wrought iron or fencing that gives the appearance of
6 wrought-iron fencing, but expressly excludes plastic-based materials, barbed wire, similar non-
7 decorative fences as well as traditional chain-link or woven wire fences. Chain-link or woven wire
8 fences may be used if the fencing visible from the public right-of-way is bordered by rails on the top
9 and bottom and has well-built columns that are at least 8" wide and are topped with caps. The
10 columns shall be spaced no more than 8' apart.

11 **SEC. 102.33. PERMEABLE SURFACES.**

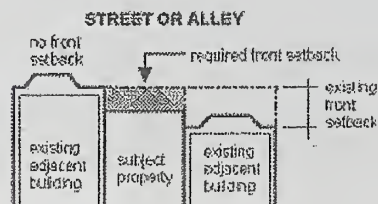
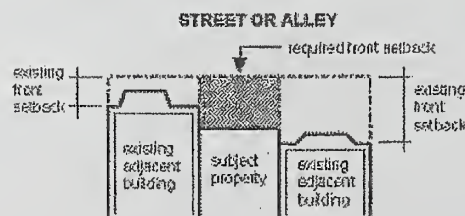
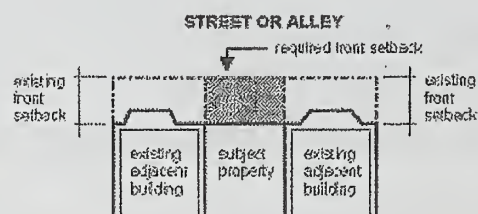
12 Permeable surfaces are those that allow stormwater to infiltrate the underlying soils.
13 Permeable surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, vegetative planting beds, porous asphalt,
14 porous concrete, single-sized aggregate, open-jointed blocks, stone, pavers or brick that are loose-set
15 and without mortar. Permeable surfaces are required to be contained so neither sediment nor the
16 permeable surface discharges off the site.

17 **SEC. 132. FRONT SETBACK AREAS, RTO, RH AND RM DISTRICTS AND FOR**
18 **REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

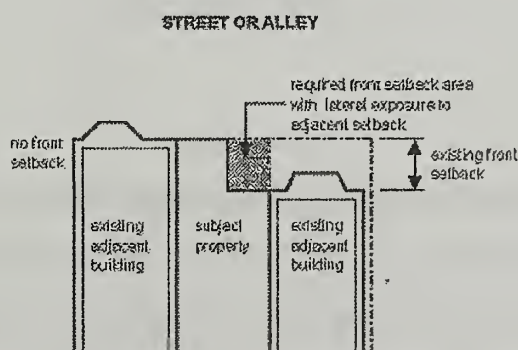
19 The following requirements for minimum front setback areas shall apply to every
20 building in all RH, RTO, and RM Districts, in order to relate the setbacks provided to the
21 existing front setbacks of adjacent buildings. Buildings in RTO Districts which have more than
22 75 feet of street frontage are additionally subject to the Ground Floor Residential Design
23 Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission. Planned Unit
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Developments or PUDs, as defined in Section 304, shall also provide landscaping in required setbacks in accord with Section 132 (g).

(a) Basic Requirement. Where one or both of the buildings adjacent to the subject property have front setbacks along a street or alley, any building or addition constructed, reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two adjacent front setbacks. If only one of the adjacent buildings has a front setback, or if there is only one adjacent building, then the required setback for the subject property shall be equal to one-half the front setback of such adjacent building. In any case in which the lot constituting the subject property is separated from the lot containing the nearest building by an undeveloped lot or lots for a distance of 50 feet or less parallel to the street or alley, such nearest building shall be deemed to be an "adjacent building," but a building on a lot so separated for a greater distance shall not be deemed to be an "adjacent building."



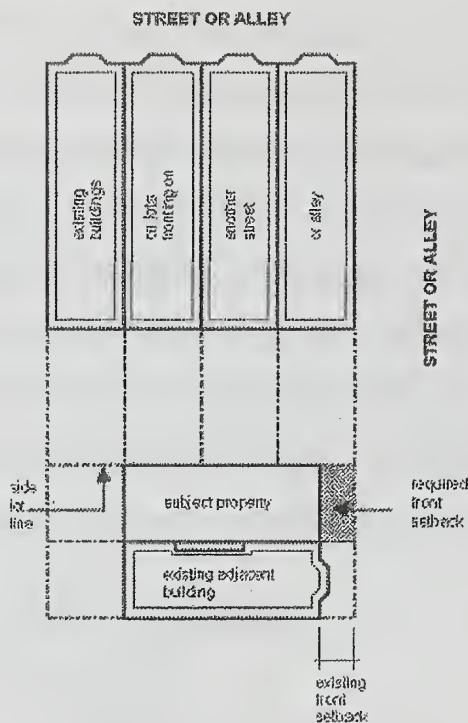
(b) Alternative Method of Averaging. If, under the rules stated in Subsection (a) above, an averaging is required between two adjacent front setbacks, or between one adjacent setback and another adjacent building with no setback, the required setback on the subject property may alternatively be averaged in an irregular manner within the depth between the setbacks of the two adjacent buildings, provided that the area of the resulting setback shall be at least equal to the product of the width of the subject property along the street or alley times the setback depth required by Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section; and provided further, that all portions of the resulting setback area on the subject property shall be directly exposed laterally to the setback area of the adjacent building having the greater setback. In any case in which this alternative method of averaging has been used for the subject property, the extent of the front setback on the subject property for purposes of Subsection (c) below relating to subsequent development on an adjacent site shall be considered to be as required by Subsection (a) above, in the form of a single line parallel to the street or alley.



(c) Method of Measurement. The extent of the front setback of each adjacent building shall be taken as the horizontal distance from the property line along the street or alley to the

1 building wall closest to such property line, excluding all projections from such wall, all decks
2 and garage structures and extensions, and all other obstructions.

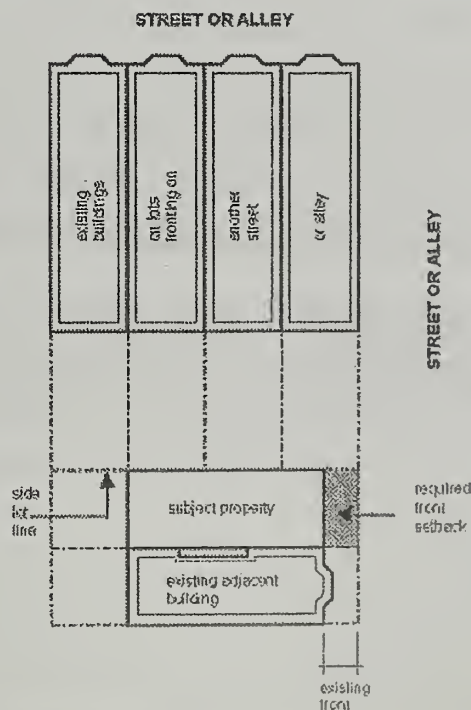
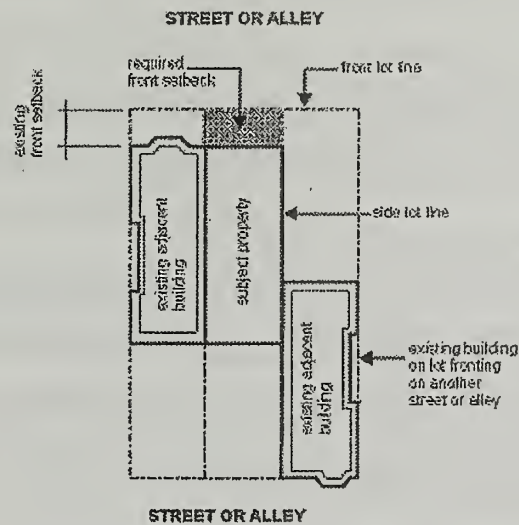
3 (d) Applicability to Special Lot Situations.



18 (1) Corner Lots and Lots at Alley Intersections. On a corner lot as defined by this
19 Code, or a lot at the intersection of a street and an alley or two alleys, a front setback area
20 shall be required only along the street or alley elected by the owner as the front of the
21 property. Along such street or alley, the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to
22 1/2 the front setback of the adjacent building.

23 (2) Lots Abutting Properties That Front on Another Street or Alley. In the case of any
24 lot that abuts along its side lot line upon a lot that fronts on another street or alley, the lot on
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1 which it so abuts shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be
2 equal to the front setback of the adjacent building on its opposite side.



1 (3) Lots Abutting RC, C, M and P Districts. In the case of any lot that abuts property in
2 an RC, C, M or P District, any property in such district shall be disregarded, and the required
3 setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building in the
4 RH, RTO, or RM District.

5 (e) Maximum Requirements. The maximum required front setback in any of the cases
6 described in this Section 132 shall be 15 feet from the property line along the street or alley,
7 or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot from such street or alley, whichever results in the
8 lesser requirement. The required setback for lots located within the Bernal Heights Special
9 Use District is set forth in Section 242 of this Code.

10 (f) Permitted Obstructions. Only those obstructions specified in Section 136 of this
11 Code shall be permitted in a required front setback area, and no other obstruction shall be
12 constructed, placed or maintained within any such area. No motor vehicle, trailer, boat or
13 other vehicle shall be parked or stored within any such area, except as specified in Section
14 136.

15 (g) Landscaping *and Permeable Surfaces.* The landscaping and permeable surface
16 requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of
17 construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or
18 paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back . All front setback areas required
19 by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, and in every case not less than 20
20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant
21 material, including the use of native/drought resistant plant material. For the purposes of this
22 Section, permitted obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back area
23 used to calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.
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1 (h) Permeable Surfaces. The front setback area shall be at least 50% permeable so as to
2 increase stormwater infiltration. The permeable surface may be inclusive of the area counted towards
3 the landscaping requirement; provided, however, that turf pavers or similar planted hardscapes shall
4 be counted only toward the permeable surface requirement and not the landscape requirement.

5 Permeable surfaces are defined in Section 102.33.

6 (1) The Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, may waive
7 the permeable surface requirement if the site does not qualify as a suitable location pursuant to
8 Department of Public Works rules and regulations.

9 (2) If the site receives stormwater run-off from outside the lot boundaries, the Zoning
10 Administrator, after consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, may
11 modify the permeable surface requirement to include alternative management strategies, such as bio-
12 retention or other strategies, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission rules and regulations.

13 (i) Relationship to Legislated Setback Lines. In case of any conflict between the
14 requirements of this Section 132 for front setback areas and a legislated setback line as
15 described in Section 131 of this Code, the more restrictive requirements shall prevail.

16 **SEC. 142. SCREENING AND GREENING OF PARKING AND VEHICLE USE**
17 **AREAS, R AND NC AND EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED-USE DISTRICTS.**

18 Off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way in R and NC
19 and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be screened as provided in this Section.

20 (a) Screening of parking and vehicle use areas less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public
21 right-of-way:

22 (1) Every off-street parking space within a building, where not enclosed by solid
23 building walls, shall be screened from view from all streets and alleys through use of garage
24 doors or by some other means.

1 ———(b) (2) Along rear yard areas and other interior open spaces, all off-street parking
2 spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened from view and
3 confined by solid building walls.

4 ———(c) (3) Off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall meet the requirements of Section
5 156 and other applicable provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. Such parking areas shall be
6 screened from view as provided in Section 156(d) of this Code.

7 (b) Vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the public right-of-way. All
8 lots containing vehicular use areas where such area has more than 25 linear feet along any public
9 right-of-way shall provide screening in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the
10 Ornamental Fencing Section 102.32. The following instances shall trigger the screening requirements
11 for these vehicle use areas:

12 (1) Any existing vehicular use area that is accessory to an existing principal use if such use
13 expands gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building;

14 (2) Any repair rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use area, if such repair,
15 rehabilitation or expansion would increase the number of existing parking spaces by either more than
16 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is greater; or

17 (3) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation and
18 reconstruction involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other surface devoted to
19 vehicular use. This provision does not apply to the resurfacing due to emergency work to underground
20 utilities if such work is intended to maintain safety or other public purpose beyond the control of the
21 property owner.

22 (c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent
23 to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to
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1 the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque
2 barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:

3 (1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable
4 surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way; or

5 (2) A combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing where the permeable
6 surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has
7 been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the
8 public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins,
9 detention basins or rain gardens, to reduce stormwater runoff.

10 (d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby
11 allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement
12 provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings,
13 pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are
14 provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the
15 public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator
16 may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment
17 would:

18 (1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the
19 use of quality urban design; and

20 (2) Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff.

21 **SEC. 143. STREET TREES**, ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR,~~
22 ~~SLI AND SSO DISTRICTS.~~

23 (a) In any ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI AND SSO~~
24 ~~DISTRICTS~~ District, street trees shall be installed by the owner or developer in the case of
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1 construction of a new building; relocation of a building; the addition of gross floor area equal to
2 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a
3 garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back and
4 within the RED, SPD, RSD, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI and SSO Districts, in the case of
5 change of 20 percent or more of the occupied floor area of an existing building to another use.

6 (b) The street trees installed shall be a minimum of one tree of 24-inch box size for
7 each 20 feet of frontage of the property along each street or alley, with any remaining fraction
8 of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an additional tree. Such trees shall be located either
9 within a setback area on the lot or within the public right-of-way along such lot.

10 (c) The species of trees selected shall be suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees
11 installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by
12 the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation,
13 maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16
14 of the Public Works Code.

15 (d) In any case in which the Department of Public Works cannot grant approval for
16 installation of a tree in the public right-of-way, on the basis of inadequate sidewalk width,
17 interference with utilities or other reasons regarding the public welfare, and where installation
18 of such tree on the lot itself is also impractical, the tree planning requirements of this Section
19 143 may be modified as described in Subsection 143(f) or (g) or waived as described in Subsection
20 143(g) by the Zoning Administrator to the extent necessary.

21 (e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an
22 alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
23 installation of sidewalk landscaping to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit
24 approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.

1 ~~(e)~~(f) In C-3, industrial, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Zoning
2 Administrator may allow the installation of planter boxes or tubs or similar landscaping in
3 place of trees when that is determined to be more desirable in order to make the landscaping
4 compatible with the character of the surrounding area, or may waive the requirement in C-3,
5 industrial, and mixed use districts, districts where landscaping is considered to be
6 inappropriate because it conflicts with policies of the Downtown Plan, a component of the
7 General Plan, such as the Downtown Plan policy favoring unobstructed pedestrian passage or
8 the Commerce and Industry Element policies to facilitate industry.

9 ~~(f)~~(g) In Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, street trees shall be installed
10 along all street frontages in the public right of way as set forth in subsection (b). Street tree
11 basins shall be edged with decorative treatment, such as pavers or cobbles, in accordance
12 with City standards. ~~In the event that the Department of Public Works does not approve for any~~
13 ~~reason the installation of the number of trees required as set forth in subsection (b), an in-lieu fee for~~
14 ~~each missed street tree, in an amount set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code, shall be paid to~~
15 ~~the Adopt A Tree Fund. When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as~~
16 ~~an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the~~
17 ~~installation of sidewalk landscaping in accordance with all adopted standards and requirements.~~

18 (h) For each required tree that the Zoning Administrator waives, the permittee shall pay an
19 "in-lieu" street tree fee. This fee shall be the amount specified in the Public Works Code Article 16
20 and be payable prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The fee amount shall be deposited in
21 the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

22 ~~(g)~~(i) DTR and C-3 Districts. In DTR and C-3 Districts, in addition to the requirements
23 of subsections (a)- ~~(d)~~ (h) above, all street trees shall:
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1 ~~(1) be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least~~
2 ~~one foot back from the curb line;~~
3 ~~(2) (1)~~ have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height;
4 ~~(3) (2)~~ branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade;
5 ~~(4) (3)~~ where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16
6 square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;
7 ~~(5) (4)~~ where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be
8 protected by a tree grate with a removable inner ring to provide for the tree's growth over time;
9 ~~(6) (5)~~ provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overly-
10 compacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;
11 ~~(7) (6)~~ be irrigated, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in
12 accordance with *See. 174 of the Public Works Code, Article 16*; and
13 ~~(8) (7)~~ be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the
14 basin for each tree is connected.
15 *(j) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required the street*
16 *tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) – (h) and shall meet the following additional*
17 *landscaping requirements:*
18 *(1) A continuous soil trough with structural soils shall be provided that connects the root*
19 *systems of these street trees to increase tree health is required unless there is a physical constraint.*
20 *(2) Where ground floor setbacks are required, landscaping is also required in the setbacks per*
21 *Section 132(g). All building setback areas not occupied by steps, porches or other permitted*
22 *obstructions shall be permeable as defined in Section 102.33. Setbacks should be designed to provide*
23 *access to landscaped areas, encouraging active use by residents.*
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1 (i) A water source should be provided for each residential setback reachable by a 30-
2 foot hose.

3 (ii) To allow for landscaping and street trees at street grade, below-grade parking shall
4 be located at a depth below any surface of the setback to provide a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6
5 inches.

6 (3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements
7 for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or
8 she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements.
9 Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms,
10 detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or
11 additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the site or on the adjacent public
12 right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works.

13 **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

14 (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof
15 solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered
16 a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this
17 Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional
18 use.

19 (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for which
20 conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval shall be
21 required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory uses
22 under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however, apply to
23 all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.

1 (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a specific
2 use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as
3 accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission shall consider
4 the criteria set forth in Section 157.

5 (d) Any vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
6 parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R District, or
7 which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from view
8 therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid
9 wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height.

10 (e) Any vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
11 is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles shall be screened in accordance with the
12 standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas within
13 the NCT, C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-S, or C-3-G Districts shall be screened from view from every street, except
14 at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen
15 hedge, not less than four feet in height.

16 (f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of automobiles in
17 any ~~R, NC, C, or South of Market~~ District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such
18 lighting fall entirely within such parking lot.

19 (g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it any
20 dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than of an
21 emergency nature.

22 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT
23 Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses pursuant to the
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1 provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval;
2 permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as a conditional use.

3 (i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of Sections
4 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened in accordance with the standards described in
5 Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas ~~from views from every street,~~
6 ~~except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence or a solid wall not less than four~~
7 ~~feet in height,~~ except where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the
8 subject lot as an open space or play area for nearby residents.

9 (j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5
10 parking spaces and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section 102.33 Permeable
11 Surfaces. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate the
12 surface in areas with less than 5% slope.

13 (k) Street Tree Requirement. All parking lots shall meet the street tree requirements specified
14 in Section 143.

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16 **SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.**

17 All automotive uses that have vehicular use areas defined in Section 102.31 shall meet the
18 screening requirements for vehicular use areas in Section 142.

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | such a service station if normally conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District: |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | may include brakes, electrical equipment, fan belt, headlamps, sparkplugs, air filter, distributor points, carburetor, and generator charging rate; |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | (3) Installation of lamp globes, sparkplugs, oil filter or filtering element, windshield wiper blades and motors, radiator hose (without removal of radiator or water pump), battery cables and fan belt; |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | and in addition the following minor automobile repairs; all such repairs and other activities shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | engines, transmissions and differentials, with repairs to these components done elsewhere. |
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| - | | | | | | | | | | | | (2) Repair or rebuilding of transmissions, differentials or radiators; |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | premises a reservoir of vehicle storage and standing area, outside the washing facilities, equal to at least 1/4 the hourly capacity in vehicles of such facilities; provided, |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (k) Tire recapping, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | (m) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is not a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law and is completely enclosed. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law. |
| C | | | | | | | | | | | | | (p) Major (nonaccessory) parking garage not open to the public, as defined in Section 158 and as regulated therein and in Sections 155 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. |
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1 **SEC. 304. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

2 In districts other than C-3, the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, the DTR
3 Districts, or the South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Planning Commission may authorize
4 as conditional uses, in accordance with the provisions of Section 303, Planned Unit
5 Developments subject to the further requirements and procedures of this Section. After review
6 of any proposed development, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission may authorize such
7 development as submitted or may modify, alter, adjust or amend the plan before
8 authorization, and in authorizing it may prescribe other conditions as provided in Section
9 303(d). The development as authorized shall be subject to all conditions so imposed and shall
10 be excepted from other provisions of this Code only to the extent specified in the
11 authorization.

12 (a) Objectives. The procedures for Planned Unit Developments are intended for
13 projects on sites of considerable size, developed as integrated units and designed to produce
14 an environment of stable and desirable character which will benefit the occupants, the
15 neighborhood and the City as a whole. In cases of outstanding overall design, complementary
16 to the design and values of the surrounding area, such a project may merit a well reasoned
17 modification of certain of the provisions contained elsewhere in this Code.

18 (b) Nature of Site. The tract or parcel of land involved must be either in one
19 ownership, or the subject of an application filed jointly by the owners of all the property
20 included or by the Redevelopment Agency of the City. It must constitute all or part of a
21 Redevelopment Project Area, or if not must include an area of not less than 1/2 acre,
22 exclusive of streets, alleys and other public property that will remain undeveloped.

23 (c) Application and Plans. The application must describe the proposed development in
24 detail, and must be accompanied by an overall development plan showing, among other
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1 things, the use or uses, dimensions and locations of structures, parking spaces, and areas, if
2 any, to be reserved for streets, open spaces and other public purposes. The application must
3 include such pertinent information as may be necessary to a determination that the objectives
4 of this Section are met, and that the proposed development warrants the modification of
5 provisions otherwise applicable under this Code.

6 (d) Criteria and Limitations. The proposed development must meet the criteria
7 applicable to conditional uses as stated in Section 303(c) and elsewhere in this Code. In
8 addition, it shall:

- 9 (1) Affirmatively promote applicable objectives and policies of the General Plan;
10 (2) Provide off-street parking adequate for the occupancy proposed;
11 (3) Provide open space usable by the occupants and, where appropriate, by the
12 general public, at least equal to the open spaces required by this Code;
13 (4) Be limited in dwelling unit density to less than the density that would be allowed by
14 Article 2 of this Code for a district permitting a greater density, so that the Planned Unit
15 Development will not be substantially equivalent to a reclassification of property;
16 (5) In R Districts, include commercial uses only to the extent that such uses are
17 necessary to serve residents of the immediate vicinity, subject to the limitations for NC-1
18 Districts under this Code, and in RTO Districts include commercial uses only according to the
19 provisions of Section 230 of this Code;
20 (6) Under no circumstances be excepted from any height limit established by Article
21 2.5 of this Code, unless such exception is explicitly authorized by the terms of this Code. In
22 the absence of such an explicit authorization, exceptions from the provisions of this Code with
23 respect to height shall be confined to minor deviations from the provisions for measurement of
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1 height in Sections 260 and 261 of this Code, and no such deviation shall depart from the
2 purposes or intent of those sections;

3 (7) In NC Districts, be limited in gross floor area to that allowed under the floor area
4 ratio limit permitted for the district in Section 124 and Article 7 of this Code;

5 (8) In NC Districts, not violate the use limitations by story set forth in Article 7 of this
6 Code; and

7 (9) In RTO and NCT Districts, include the extension of adjacent alleys or streets onto
8 or through the site, and/or the creation of new publicly-accessible streets or alleys through the
9 site as appropriate, in order to break down the scale of the site, continue the surrounding
10 existing pattern of block size, streets and alleys, and foster beneficial pedestrian and vehicular
11 circulation.

12 (10) Provide street trees as per the requirements of Section 143(j) of the Code.

13 (11) Provide landscaping and permeable surfaces in any required setbacks in accordance with
14 Section 132 (g) and (h).

15 Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 805 to
16 read as follows:

17 **SEC. 805. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET TREES.**

18 (a) Responsibilities of Property Owners. Except as specified in Subsections 805(b)
19 and (c) below, it shall be the duty of owners of lots or portions of lots immediately abutting on,
20 fronting on or adjacent to any street tree to maintain such street tree. This duty shall include
21 both routine and major maintenance of the street tree. It shall be the responsibility of all public
22 agencies, including City, State and federal agencies, to maintain street trees abutting on such
23 public agency's property in accordance with this Section. In addition, and in accordance with
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1 Section 706 of this Code, abutting property owners shall be responsible for the care and
2 maintenance of the sidewalk and sidewalk areas adjacent to any street tree.

3 Any person who suffers injury or property damage as a legal result of the failure of the
4 owner to so maintain a street tree, sidewalk and sidewalk areas shall have a cause of action
5 for such injury or property damage against such property owner. In addition to its rights under
6 Section 706 of this Code, the City and County of San Francisco shall have a cause of action
7 for indemnity against such property owner for any damages the City may be required to pay
8 as satisfaction of any judgment or settlement of any claim that results from injury to persons or
9 property as a legal result of the failure of the owner to maintain a street tree in accordance
10 with this Section.

11 The Department shall have available to interested persons, upon request, public
12 pruning standards to ensure that street trees receive proper care.

13 (b) Responsibilities of the Department. The Department may, at the Director's
14 discretion, determine to undertake the regular routine and/or major maintenance of certain
15 street trees or corridors of street trees to promote consistency in the maintenance of trees or
16 in the public interest. Where the Department determines to undertake such regular
17 maintenance of street trees, the Director shall specify in writing by Departmental Order those
18 trees or corridors of trees for which it has undertaken maintenance responsibility and shall
19 specify in writing whether the Department will be responsible for routine or major
20 maintenance, or both. Such determinations by the Department shall be readily accessible to
21 property owners and members of the public. Where the Department has undertaken certain
22 maintenance responsibility for street trees in writing, the abutting property owner shall be
23 relieved of responsibility for such street tree maintenance.

1 Where the Department assumes maintenance responsibilities after the effective date of
2 this Article, it shall send written notice of that fact to the abutting property owner.

3 (c) Street Tree Establishment and Replacement of Dead Street Trees.

4 (1) Establishment of Street Trees. The establishment period for newly planted street
5 trees shall be three years from the date of planting. If the street tree is not adequately established at
6 the end of this period, the Director shall treat this as an injury to the tree, as defined in Section 802(g),
7 and may seek penalties for violation, as set forth in Section 811. The Director may establish rules,
8 regulations, or any other form of written guidelines concerning standards for proper care and
9 maintenance during the establishment period.

10 (2) Replacement of Dead Street Trees. The permittee or agency responsible for a street
11 tree shall replace a dead street tree within six months of the demise or removal of the tree. Removal of
12 a dead street tree and planting of a replacement street tree shall be subject to all requirements set forth
13 in this Article for removal and planting. The Director is authorized to waive this replacement
14 requirement and may place conditions on any such waiver, which may include, but is not limited to,
15 replacement planting at an alternate location or payment of the in-lieu fee. Any such waiver shall be in
16 writing.

17 (d) Department Inventory and Publication of Street Tree Responsibilities. The
18 Department shall use its best efforts to maintain an inventory of all trees under its jurisdiction.

19 As of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall continue to maintain street
20 trees listed in its database as Department-maintained trees. Such information shall be made
21 available to the public upon request.

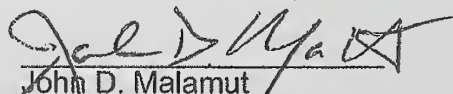
22 Within 120 days of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall publish in a
23 newspaper of general circulation in the City a list of all trees or corridors of trees maintained
24 by the Department.

1 ~~(d)~~ (e) Department Relinquishment of Street Tree Maintenance. The Director may, in
2 his or her discretion, determine to relinquish tree maintenance responsibilities for certain trees
3 or corridors of trees. Prior to such relinquishment, the Director shall post the affected trees
4 and send notice to abutting property owners of the Department's intent to relinquish
5 maintenance responsibilities on a date certain. Within 10 days of the posting and mailing of
6 such notice, any affected property owner may object in writing to such relinquishment. At the
7 written request of any person, the Director will hold a hearing prior to relinquishing
8 maintenance responsibility for a particular tree or corridor of trees. The Director's decision on
9 such relinquishment shall be final and nonappealable.

10 Prior to relinquishing maintenance responsibilities, the Department shall perform all
11 necessary major tree maintenance. As of the date designated by the Director, all tree
12 maintenance and tree-related maintenance shall be the responsibility of the abutting property
13 owner.

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance.]

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for “vehicle use area”, “ornamental fencing”, and “permeable surface”; amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

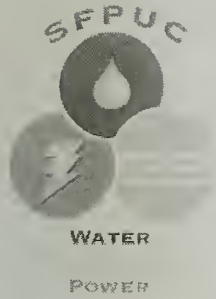
The Planning Code contain various provisions concerning screening, landscaping, and street tree requirements associated with various uses. The Public Works Code Article 16 governs the regulatory process for planting, removing, and maintaining street trees.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would create or modify Planning Code provisions on greening, screening, and landscaping, including street tree requirements, and provide for a process by which the Zoning Administrator could modify some these provisions under certain circumstances. The legislation would add definitions for vehicular use area, ornamental fencing, and permeable surfaces. The Ordinance would amend the Public Works Code to delineate an establishment period for street trees and process to address the replacement of dead street trees. The Ordinance would make environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

This Ordinance seeks to enhance environmental benefits and the City's aesthetic quality through increasing permeable surfaces, street planting, and landscaping in the City.



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Date: February 22, 2010

To: Members of the Urban Forest Council

From: Bart Broome, Government Relations Manager

Re: Green Landscaping Ordinance – for February 23, 2010 UFC Meeting

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The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has worked with the Mayor's Office, the Planning Department & Planning Commission, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) on amendments to the Green Landscaping Ordinance that would reduce the water consumption impacts of expanding the amount of irrigated plantings in San Francisco. The SFPUC requests that the Urban Forest Council include these amendments as part of any vote of support for the Green Landscaping Ordinance.

Due to the environmental impacts of finding additional water sources, the uncertainty of current supplies due to climate change, and the expanding California water crisis in the San Francisco Bay Delta exacerbated by drought, the SFPUC has agreed to meet our City's growing demand for water through conservation measures. That agreement was part of the programmatic environmental impact report for the seismic improvement to our water system and it mandates that we reduce the water that San Francisco draws from the regional system by 10 million gallons per day by 2018.

The Green Landscaping Ordinance will increase water demand and that increased demand must be offset with water conservation measures which can be very expensive to property owners, public agencies, and SFPUC rate payers. The SFPUC recognizes the value in greening our city through the Green Landscaping Ordinance and we have developed amendments that would help achieve the laudable goals of both water conservation and urban greening.

These amendments were approved by the Planning Commission on February 18th and would do the following:

- Amend the Planning Code to require that landscaped areas in front setbacks and vehicular use areas, and tree plantings mandated in parking lots and in the public right-of-way, comply with the City's current Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance. This ordinance located in Chapter 63 of the SF Administrative Code will be updated later this spring with more stringent water use requirements mandated by the state.
- Amend the Planning Code to require that alternative landscape treatments approved by the Zoning Administrator to meet the vehicular use area screening requirement use low water use plant materials and comply with

the Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance.

- Amend the Planning Code to require that additional landscape requirements for Planned Unit Developments modified by the Zoning Administrator include the use of low water use plant materials.
- Amend the Public Works Code to include a definition for “low water use” that allows DPW to permit exceptions based on certain circumstances.
- Amend the Public Works Code to require the use of low water use trees when planted in the public right-of-way, including trees planted as part of the Arterial Planting Program and the Tree Adoption Program.
- Amend the Public Works Code to require the use of low water use plants and trees for landscaping improvements done through the Neighborhood Planting Program. An exception is provided for areas solely dedicated to vegetable gardening and the cultivation of fruit or nut trees.

A key point is the definition of “low water use” (see page 7 of this memo) which was negotiated between the SFPUC and the DPW. The definition is designed to provide flexibility and allows DPW to define a tree as “low water use” based on their experience with the species. The San Francisco Street Tree Species List established by the Bureau of Urban Forestry is expressly included under the term “low water use” because the list was developed in consideration of water use for each species.

The SFPUC amendments have been vetted by the Planning Department, the Planning Commission, and the Department of Public Works. Mark Sustarich, the SFPUC representative will be present in the Urban Forest Council meeting on February 23rd to answer your questions. Again it is our hope that the Urban Forest Council will vote to support the Green Landscaping Ordinance as recommended to be amended by the Planning Commission which includes amendments suggested by the SFPUC.

SFPUC amendments are on the pages that follow.

Green Landscaping Ordinance SFPUC Water Conservation Amendments

SFPUC amendments are underlined and highlighted. Page numbers are from the ordinance text as introduced at the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING CODE AMENDMENTS

Section 132 (g) beginning on Page 8

(g) Landscaping and Permeable Surfaces. The landscaping and permeable surface requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back . All front setback areas required by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, meet any applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code, and in every case not less than 20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant material, including the use of native/drought resistant low water use plant material as defined in Section 802 of the Public Works Code. For the purposes of this Section, permitted obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back area used to calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.

Section 142 (c) and (d) beginning on Page 10

(c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:

(1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way and that is compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code; or

(2) A combination of permeable landscaping compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code, and ornamental fencing where the permeable surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins, detention basins or rain gardens, to reduce stormwater runoff.

(d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment would:

(1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the use of quality urban design; and

(2) Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff; and

(3) Use low water use plant materials, as defined in Section 802 of the Public Works Code, and compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code.

Section 143 (c) beginning on Page 12

(c) The species of trees selected shall be compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code, suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation, maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code.

Section 143 (e) beginning on Page 12

(e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the installation of sidewalk landscaping that is compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code, to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.

Section 143 (i) and (j) beginning on Page 13

~~(g)~~(i) DTR and C-3 Districts. In DTR and C-3 Districts, in addition to the requirements of subsections (a)- ~~(d)~~ (h) above, all street trees shall:

~~(1) be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least one foot back from the curb line;~~

~~(2)~~ (1) have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height;
~~(3)~~ (2) branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade;
~~(4)~~ (3) where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16 square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;
~~(5)~~ (4) where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be protected by a tree grate with a removable inner ring to provide for the tree's growth over time;
~~(6)~~ (5) provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overlycompacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;
~~(7)~~ (6) be irrigated, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in accordance with Article 16 and Sec. 174 of the Public Works Code, Article 16 and compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code; and
~~(8)~~ (7) be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the basin for each tree is connected.

(j) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required to meet the street tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) – (h) and shall meet the following additional landscaping requirements:

Section 143 (j) (3) beginning on Page 15

(3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements, including the use of low water use plant materials as defined in Section 802 of the Public Works Code. Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the site or on the adjacent public right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works.

Section 156 (j) beginning on Page 17

(j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5 parking spaces in a manner that is compliant with applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code, and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate the surface in areas with less than 5% slope.
(k) Street Tree Requirement. All parking lots shall meet the street tree requirements specified in Section 143.

PUBLIC WORKS CODE AMENDMENTS

Page 39 beginning on Line 15

Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 802, 805, 806, and 807 to read as follows:

NOTE: Sections 802, 806 and 807 are not amended in the introduced version of the Green Landscaping Ordinance, but are added here in their entirety with SFPUC changes underlined and highlighted.

SEC. 802. - DEFINITIONS.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise,

- (a) "Administrative cost" shall mean 20 percent of the Department's actual replacement cost, or a minimum of \$100, whichever is greater.
- (b) "City" shall mean the City and County of San Francisco.
- (c) "Community Boards" of San Francisco shall mean the neighborhood mediation/dispute settlement service established under the auspices of The Community Board Program, Inc.
- (d) "Department" shall mean the Department of Public Works of the City and County of San Francisco.
- (e) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Director's designee.
- (f) "Ex officio" shall mean a current employee of any City department, or California or federal agency whose appointment to the Urban Forestry Council has been approved by the Director of the Department of the Environment.
- (g) "Injure" or "injury" shall mean any act which harms or damages a tree, including but not limited to impact, cutting, carving, painting, transplanting, or knocking over, and includes but is not limited to the following: injurious attachment of any rope, wire, nail, advertising poster, or other contrivance to any tree subject to the provisions of this Article; intentionally or negligently allowing any gaseous, liquid, or solid substance that is harmful to a tree to come into contact with a tree; setting fire or intentionally or negligently permitting any fire to burn when such fire or the heat therefrom will injure any part of any tree; pruning which in and of itself will kill or cause a tree to decline; or severing of all or part of a tree.
- (h) "In-lieu fee" shall mean a fee deposited into the Adopt-A-Tree Fund and imposed by the Director. The in-lieu fee shall be equal to the replacement value of a tree(s) to be removed or trees that have been destroyed or as otherwise specified in Section 811. In the case of trees required to be planted by Section 143 of the City Planning Code, yet excused under Section 143(d) of the Planning Code, the in-lieu fee shall be equal to the City's cost to plant and water a tree for

three years. The minimum in lieu fee shall be \$1,489.00. Beginning with fiscal year 2007-2008, this fee shall be reviewed and adjusted each year in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Works Code Section 2.1.2.

(i) "Interested San Francisco organization" shall mean a San Francisco organization or individual that has made a written request to the Department for notification of proposed tree removals in a specified area(s) or neighborhood(s).

(j) "Landmark tree" shall mean a tree so designated pursuant to Section 810 of this Article.

(k) "Landscape material" shall mean any tree, shrub, groundcover or other plant.

(l) "Low water use" means plants, shrubs, ground covers, or trees that meet at least one of the following conditions:

(1) The species has a water use ranking of "low" or "very low" in Region 1 (North-Central Coast) as established in the California Department of Water Resources 2000 publication "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" or subsequent editions as it may be updated;

(2) The species has a water use ranking of "no water", "little water", or "little to moderate water" in the climate zone for the planting location as established in the Sunset Western Garden Book, Eighth Edition, published by Oxmoor House on February 1, 2007 or subsequent editions as it may be updated;

(3) The plantings are part of an engineered stormwater management feature approved by the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines established by the Public Utilities Commission;

(4) The Department of Public Works has determined that the species, when irrigated for sufficient plant health and appearance, is low water use based on the Department's experience with the species, and the Department has added the species to the Low Water Use Plant Exception List maintained by the Department;

(5) The species appears on the San Francisco Street Tree Species List established by the Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry;

(6) The planting is part of a species test approved by the Department of Public Works; or

(7) The species has been permitted at the site by the Department Public Works based on wet soil conditions stemming from proximity to naturally occurring water features such as a high water table, springs, ponds, lakes, creeks, and wetlands.

(m) "Maintenance" shall mean those actions necessary to promote the life, growth, health, or beauty of a tree. Maintenance includes both routine and major activities. "Routine maintenance" shall include adequate watering to ensure the tree's growth and sustainability; weed control; removal of tree-well trash; staking; fertilizing; routine adjustment and timely removal of stakes, ties, tree guards, and tree grates; bracing; and sidewalk repairs related to the tree's growth or root system pursuant to Section 706 of this Code. "Major maintenance" shall include structural pruning as necessary to maintain public safety and to sustain the health, safety, and natural growth habit of the tree; pest and disease-management procedures as needed and in a manner consistent with public health and ecological diversity; replacement of dead or damaged trees. Pruning practices shall be in compliance with International Society of Arboriculture Best Management Practices and ANSI Pruning Standards, whichever is more protective of tree preservation.

~~(m)~~ (n) "Median strip" shall mean the dividing area in the public way between opposing lanes of vehicular traffic.

~~(n)~~ (o) "Notice" shall mean written notice by personal delivery or by mailing, either by letter or postal card, postage prepaid to the last known address as the same appears on the City's most recent assessment rolls.

~~(o)~~ (p) "Hazard tree" shall mean any tree that poses an imminent hazard to person or property. The Director may determine that a tree is a hazard if it or any part of it: (1) appears dead, dangerous, or likely to fall, even after proper maintenance activities are performed to eliminate dead or dangerous parts; (2) obstructs or damages a street, sidewalk, or other existing structure; (3) harbors a serious disease or infestation threatening the health of other trees; (4) interferes with vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or (5) poses any other significant hazard or potential hazard, as determined by the Director; provided, however, that feasible measures have been applied to abate any such hazard, such as applicable maintenance activities listed in Section 802(l) of this Article. The Director's determination shall be in writing.

~~(p)~~ (q) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

~~(q)~~ (r) "Planting" shall mean putting or setting into the ground or into a container to grow and irrigating until self-sufficient.

~~(r)~~ (s) "Removal" shall mean any intentional or negligent moving, carrying away, elimination or taking away of part or all of a tree.

~~(s)~~ (t) "Replacement value" shall mean the actual cost to the Department of replacing a tree or landscape material removed or destroyed with a comparable size and species of tree or with comparable landscape material. Certain trees or landscape material, because of their size, species or historical significance, cannot be replaced from available nursery stock. In such case, "replacement value" shall be determined pursuant to the valuation formula adopted by the International Society of Arboriculture, as amended from time to time, plus the Department's actual costs to replace the tree. "Replacement value" shall include the Department's administrative costs.

~~(t)~~ (u) "Sidewalk" shall mean the area between the curbing and the abutting private property lot line, whether paved or unpaved, as legislated by the Board of Supervisors and as reflected in the Department's official maps.

~~(u)~~ (v) "Significant Tree" shall mean a tree so defined in Section 810A of this Article.

~~(v)~~ (w) "Street" shall mean the vehicular travel-way portion of any public street, avenue, boulevard, lane, road, parkway, freeway, or other public way.

~~(w)~~ (x) "Street tree" shall mean any tree growing within the public right-of-way, including unimproved public streets and sidewalks, and any tree growing on land under the jurisdiction of the Department.

~~(x)~~ (y) "Tree" shall mean any large perennial plant having a woody trunk(s), branches, and leaves. Trees also shall include palm trees.

~~(y)~~ (z) "Urban forest" shall mean all trees on public streets and rights-of-way within the borders of the City and County of San Francisco, any trees growing on land subject to the jurisdiction of the Department, and any other trees subject to the provisions of this Article.

~~(z)~~ (aa) "Urban Forestry Council" shall mean the Urban Forestry Council as established under the Environment Code Chapter 12.

NOTE: "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" can be found at this link <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/docs/wucols00.pdf> and the list of plant species with water use rankings begins on Page 62. As part of the SFPUC's Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance and companion Rules and Regulations, the SFPUC will be posting on our website a list of plant species with their water use rankings.

The San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines apply to development projects in which the area of disturbed ground is equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet. The Stormwater Design Guidelines allow for the use of some plants that may not be ranked as "low water use" in limited circumstances for the purpose of stormwater control and reduction. The Guidelines and the approved Vegetation Pallet can be found at this link. http://sfwater.org/mto_main.cfm/MC_ID/14/MSC_ID/361/MTO_ID/543

NOTE: SEC 805 was not changed from what was included in the introduced version of the Green Landscaping Ordinance.

SEC. 806. - PLANTING AND REMOVAL OF STREET TREES.

(a) Planting and Removal by the Department.

(1) Planting. The Department may determine to plant a new low water use tree(s) in a sidewalk or public right-of-way. When the Department determines to plant a new street tree(s), the Department will undertake maintenance responsibility for

such new street tree and shall send a courtesy notice to the abutting property owner prior to planting such new tree. Any objections to the proposed work must be submitted to the Director in writing and postmarked within 30 days after notice by the Director. The Director shall consider such objections and may hold a hearing, in the Director's discretion. The Director's decision on the matter shall be final and nonappealable.

(2) Removal of Street Trees. No street tree shall be cut down or removed by the Department unless:

(A) The Department gives 30 days' prior written notice to the owner of the property abutting the affected tree; and

(B) Thirty days prior to the removal date, the Department notifies all interested San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practical, all owners and occupants of properties that are on or across from the block face where the affected tree is located. In addition, 30 days prior to the removal date, the Department shall post a notice on the affected tree.

(3) Appeal of Tree Removal.

(A) If within 30 days after the giving of notice for street tree removal, as specified in Subsection (a)(2), or if within 15 days after the giving of notice for removal of a hazard street tree, as specified in Subsection (a)(4), any person files with the Department written objections to the removal, the Director shall hold a hearing to consider public testimony concerning the proposed tree removal. Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be posted on the affected tree, provided in a newspaper of general circulation, and sent to the objecting party, the owner of the property abutting the affected tree, and all interested San Francisco organizations, not less than seven days prior thereto.

(B) The Director shall issue his or her written decision and order on the objections after the public hearing specified above.

(C) The Director's decision shall be final and appealable to the Board of Appeals.

(4) Removal of Hazard Street Trees.

(A) No hazard street tree shall be cut down or removed by the Department unless:

(i) The Department gives 15 days' prior written notice to the owner of the property abutting the affected tree; and

(ii) Fifteen days prior to the removal date, the Department notifies all interested San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practical, owners and occupants of properties that are on or across the block face where the affected tree is located. In addition, 15 days prior to the removal date, the Department shall post a notice on the affected tree.

(B) Hazard street tree shall have the same meaning as "hazard tree" in Section 802(o) except that a hazard street tree is located within the public right-of-way and is the maintenance responsibility of the Department.

(5) Emergency Removal. In the case of manifest danger and immediate necessity, as determined by the Director, the Department may remove any street tree immediately. After such emergency removal, the Department shall provide notice of the necessity for such action to the owner of the property abutting the

affected tree, all interested San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practical, all owners and occupants of properties that are on or across from the block face where the affected tree was removed.

(b) Planting and Removal by Persons Other Than the Department.

(1) Planting and Removal Permits. It shall be unlawful for any person to plant or to remove any street tree without a valid permit for such work issued by the Department. All permits for the planting or removal of street trees issued by the Director for residential properties shall be recorded on the Report of Residential Building Records in accordance with Section 351 of the Housing Code. All work associated with a street tree permit must be completed within six months of issuance, unless an extension has been granted by the Department.

(2) Planting. An abutting property owner who desires a permit to plant a street tree shall apply to the Department on the designated form. If approved by the Director, a permit to plant the specified low water use species of tree(s) shall be issued to the applicant. There shall be no administrative fee imposed for a permit to plant a street tree unrelated to property development. The Director's decision on a street tree planting permit shall be final and appealable to the Board of Appeals.

(3) Removal.

(A) An abutting property owner who desires a permit to remove a street tree shall apply to the Department on the designated form. The Department may grant or deny the permit in accordance with the following procedures and requirements. If the Department grants a tree removal permit, it shall require that another street tree be planted in the place of the removed tree or impose an in-lieu fee unless it makes written findings detailing the basis for waiving this requirement.

(i) The fee for a permit to remove 1-3 street trees shall be \$607.00 when the permit is requested to allow for development or construction; the fee for a permit to remove 1-3 street trees shall be \$300.00 when the permit is requested to remove a hazard or a diseased tree or to prevent damage to the sidewalk; the fee for a permit to remove 4-9 street trees shall be \$808.00; and the fee to remove 10 or more street trees shall be \$1,214.00.

(ii) Additional Fees. In instances where administration or processing of any application is or will exceed the fee amount established pursuant to subsection (i), the Director, in his or her discretion, may require an applicant or permittee to pay a sum in excess of the subject fee amounts. This additional sum shall be sufficient to recover actual costs that the Department incurs and shall be charged on a time and materials basis. The Director also may charge for any time and materials costs that other agencies, boards, commissions, or departments of the City, including the City Attorney's Office, incur in connection with the processing or administration of a particular application. Whenever additional fees are or will be charged, the Director, upon request of the applicant or permittee, shall provide in writing the basis for the additional fees or an estimate of the additional fees to be charged.

(iii) Fee Review and Adjustment. Beginning with fiscal year 2010-2011, the fees that are established herein shall be reviewed and adjusted each year in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Works Code Section 2.1.2.

(B) Thirty days prior to the removal date, the Department shall give notice to all interested San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practicable, the owners and occupants of properties that are on or across from the block face or adjacent to where the affected tree is located. In addition, 30 days prior to the removal date, the Department shall post a notice on the affected tree. If within 30 days after the giving of such notice any person files with the Department written objections to the removal, the Director shall hold a hearing prior to removing the tree. Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be posted on the affected tree and sent to the objecting party and all interested San Francisco organizations not less than seven days prior thereto.

(C) The Director shall issue his or her written decision and order on the objections after the public hearing specified above.

(D) The Director's decision shall be final and appealable to the Board of Appeals.

(c) Planting and Removal by City Agencies, Commissions, or Other Departments. If a City agency, commission, or department other than the Department of Public Works desires to plant or remove a street tree, such agency, commission, or department shall be subject to the provisions of Subsection (b); provided, however, that for purposes of street tree removal, the notice and procedures for Director's hearings set forth in Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) shall apply.

SEC. 807. - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM; POWERS AND DUTIES.

(a) Arterial Planting Program. The Department shall continue its program of appropriate low water use street tree planting along major traffic routes and commercial streets throughout the City.

(b) Neighborhood Planting Program. The Department shall continue to encourage and support neighborhood low water use planting programs. Support may include, but need not be limited to, provision of low water use trees and materials, sidewalk cutting and removal, planting labor, technical advice, and organizational assistance. Low water use requirements in the Neighborhood Planting Program do not apply to areas solely dedicated to edible plants such as fruit and nut trees and vegetable gardens, except that planted areas shall comply with any applicable water use requirements of Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code. The Department is hereby authorized to donate such funds, materials and labor to neighborhood planting programs as are deemed by the Director to be in the public interest and in the interest of the promotion of the urban forest.

(c) Public Education. The Department shall undertake an on-going program of public outreach and education in order to promote public understanding of the City's urban forest and public adherence to the standards and procedures

established under this Article.

(d) Authority over Site Development Plans.

(1) The Department shall have the authority to review and comment on site development plan applications received by the City's Central Permit Bureau that pertain to the planting, alteration, or removal of street trees. The Department shall also have the authority to review and comment on site development plan applications that pertain to the alteration or removal of landmark trees designated pursuant to Section 810(a) of this Article and significant trees pursuant to Section 810A of this Article. Protection of such trees during construction shall be required in accordance with Section 808(c) of this Article. Removal of such trees shall be subject to the applicable rules and procedures for removal set forth in Section 806, 810, or 810A of this Article.

(2) If the Zoning Administrator modifies or waives the requirements of Planning Code Section 143 pursuant to Planning Code Section 143(d), the Department shall impose an in-lieu fee of the property owner so excused. Further, if a property owner is required to plant a street tree pursuant to Planning Code Section 143, the Department shall require that the property owner maintain such tree or replace any such tree that subsequently dies or is removed by any person, or pay an in-lieu fee. The Department shall follow the requirements set forth herein for tree replacement or payment of an in-lieu fee unless it makes written findings detailing the basis for waiving said requirements.

(e) Adopt-A-Tree Fund. Pursuant to Section 10.117-77 of the Administrative Code, the Department shall maintain an Adopt-A-Tree Fund to enhance the urban forestry program.

(f) In-Lieu Planting Program. The Department shall develop and implement an In-Lieu Planting Program to offset the loss of street trees, significant trees, and landmark trees due to removal, destruction, or death. The In-Lieu Planting Program shall also compensate for the loss of trees required to be planted by Section 143 of the Planning Code, yet excused by the Zoning Administrator pursuant to Planning Code Section 143(d). The Department shall impose an in-lieu fee in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the Director where a street tree is destroyed, removed or is excused from planting where otherwise required by Planning Code Section 143. The Department also shall assess an in-lieu fee or such other penalty as set forth in Section 811 as mitigation for violation of the requirements of this Article. The Department shall follow the requirements set forth herein for payment of an in-lieu fee unless it makes written findings detailing the basis for waiving said requirements. As set forth in Section 811, in lieu fees shall be deposited in the Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

(g) Tree Adoption Program. The Department shall develop and implement a tree adoption program to allow persons to donate money for the purpose of low water use tree planting and maintenance. Money donated to the City and County for the purpose of tree planting and maintenance shall be deposited into the Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

Member Cohen's Proposed Amendments Green Landscaping Ordinance

P.3 Sec. 102.32, 102.33

P.11 Sec. 142 (a) & (d)

P. 14 (h)

P. 15 (3) P. 16 Sec. 156 (d)

p.17 Sec. 156 (k)

[Planning Code – Green Landscaping Ordinance.]

Ordinance amending various sections of the Planning Code to address screening, greening, street tree, and permeability requirements; creating definitions for “vehicle use area”, “ornamental fencing”, and “permeable surface”; amending the Public Works Code Section 805 to create requirements for the establishment of new street trees and replacement of dead street trees; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

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Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby find and determine that:

(a) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare, for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

(b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that the ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully set forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

Posted: March 22, 2010

The Commission on the Environment Director Search Committee meeting of Monday, March 22, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. was RECESSED to Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. to continue closed session proceedings to consider job applications and/or conduct interviews for the position of Department of the Environment Director. The meeting will be held at the Department of the Environment, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Please contact the Department of the Environment Commission Secretary, Monica Fish, at 415-355-3709 or Monica.Fish@sfgov.org if you have any questions or would like to be placed on the agenda list. An agenda may also be accessed on the Commission website <https://sites.google.com/a/sfenvironment.org/commission/environment-commission>.

NOTICE OF RECESSED MEETING

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010 – 7:30 A.M.

LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ECO CENTER

11 GROVE STREET

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102

DAVID ASSMANN
Acting Director

GAVIN NEWSOM
Mayor



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1 (c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Chapter 31 of the San
3 Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
5 reference.

6 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
7 102.31, 102.32, and 102.33 and by amending Sections 132, 142, 143, 156, 233, and 304 to
8 read as follows:

9 **SEC. 102.3. VEHICULAR USE AREAS.**

10 Vehicular use areas are defined as any area of the lot not located within any enclosed or
11 partially enclosed structure and that is devoted to a use by or for motor vehicles including parking
12 (accessory or non-accessory); and automotive uses as defined in Section 223 that are not enclosed by a
13 structure, including but not limited to storage of automobiles, trucks or other vehicles; gasoline
14 stations; car washes; motor vehicle repair shops; loading areas; and service areas. Vehicular use
15 areas shall be subject to landscaping and screening requirements per Section 142(b) under the
16 following circumstances:

17 (a) Construction or installation of any vehicular use area;

18 (b) Existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to an existing principal use if the property
19 will add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of the existing buildings
20 on the lot or 3000 square feet, whichever is less;

21 (c) The repair, rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use are, if such change
22 would increase the number of existing parking spaces by 4 or more spaces; or

23 (d) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation
24 involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other pavement devoted to vehicular
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1 use. This provision does not apply to resurfacing of pavement due to emergency work on underground
2 storage tanks, other emergency utility access, or in response to a public health and safety action
3 required by the local, state, or federal government.

4 **SEC. 102.32. ORNAMENTAL FENCING.**

5 A decorative metal fence shall be made of wrought iron or fencing that gives the appearance of
6 wrought-iron fencing, but expressly excludes plastic-based materials, barbed wire, similar non-
7 decorative fences as well as traditional chain-link or woven wire fences. Chain-link or woven wire
8 fences may be used if the fencing visible from the public right-of-way is bordered by rails on the top
9 and bottom and has well-built columns that are at least 8" wide and are topped with caps and vines are
10 planted to embellish the chain link fence. The columns shall be spaced no more than 8' apart. The use
11 of a living fence may qualify as ornamental fencing. A list of acceptable shrubs for this purpose is in
12 Sec.102.34

13 **SEC. 102.33. PERMEABLE SURFACES.**

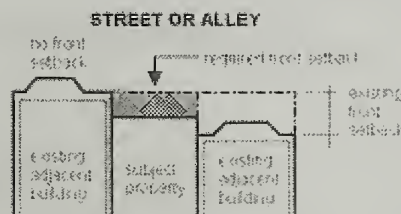
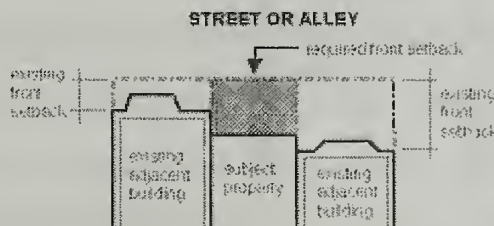
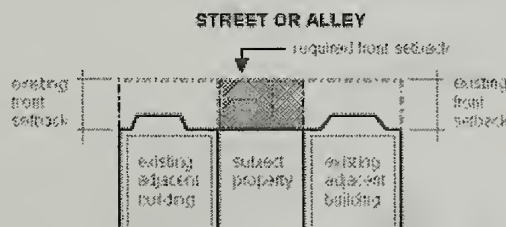
14 Permeable surfaces are those that allow stormwater to infiltrate the underlying soils.
15 Permeable surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, vegetative planting beds, porous asphalt,
16 porous concrete, single-sized aggregate, open-jointed blocks, stone, pavers or brick that are loose-set
17 and without mortar. Permeable surfaces are required to be contained so neither sediment nor the
18 permeable surface discharges off the site. Porous asphalt or concrete can only be used if poured with
19 4" spacers for every 4 sq. feet of surface.

20 **SEC. 132. FRONT SETBACK AREAS, RTO, RH AND RM DISTRICTS AND FOR**
21 **REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.**

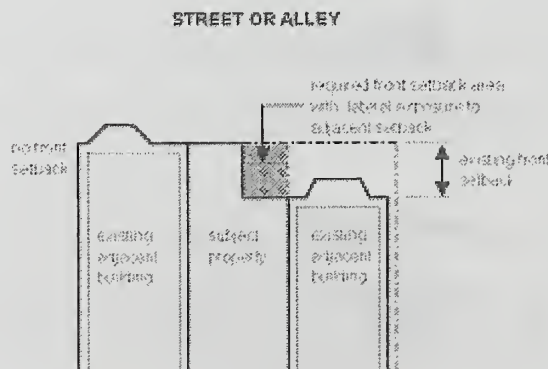
22 The following requirements for minimum front setback areas shall apply to every
23 building in all RH, RTO, and RM Districts, in order to relate the setbacks provided to the
24 existing front setbacks of adjacent buildings. Buildings in RTO Districts which have more than
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75 feet of street frontage are additionally subject to the Ground Floor Residential Design Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission. Planned Unit Developments or PUDs, as defined in Section 304, shall also provide landscaping in required setbacks in accord with Section 132 (g).

(a) Basic Requirement. Where one or both of the buildings adjacent to the subject property have front setbacks along a street or alley, any building or addition constructed, reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two adjacent front setbacks. If only one of the adjacent buildings has a front setback, or if there is only one adjacent building, then the required setback for the subject property shall be equal to one-half the front setback of such adjacent building. In any case in which the lot constituting the subject property is separated from the lot containing the nearest building by an undeveloped lot or lots for a distance of 50 feet or less parallel to the street or alley, such nearest building shall be deemed to be an "adjacent building," but a building on a lot so separated for a greater distance shall not be deemed to be an "adjacent building."

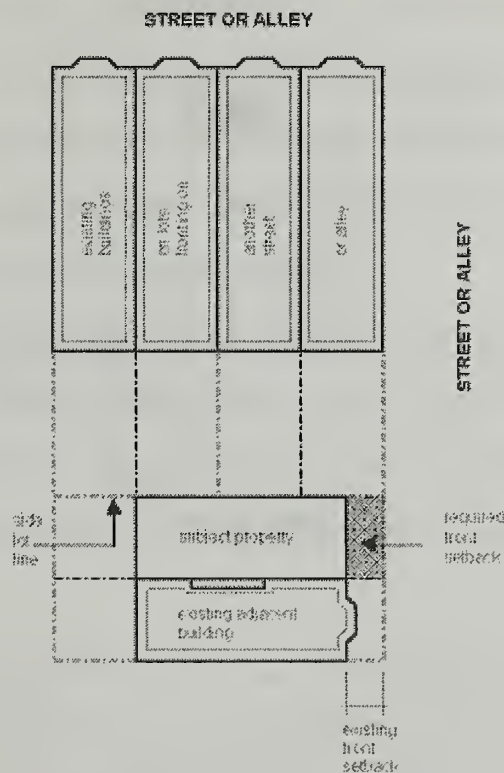


(b) Alternative Method of Averaging. If, under the rules stated in Subsection (a) above, an averaging is required between two adjacent front setbacks, or between one adjacent setback and another adjacent building with no setback, the required setback on the subject property may alternatively be averaged in an irregular manner within the depth between the setbacks of the two adjacent buildings, provided that the area of the resulting setback shall be at least equal to the product of the width of the subject property along the street or alley times the setback depth required by Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section; and provided further, that all portions of the resulting setback area on the subject property shall be directly exposed laterally to the setback area of the adjacent building having the greater setback. In any case in which this alternative method of averaging has been used for the subject property, the extent of the front setback on the subject property for purposes of Subsection (c) below relating to subsequent development on an adjacent site shall be considered to be as required by Subsection (a) above, in the form of a single line parallel to the street or alley.



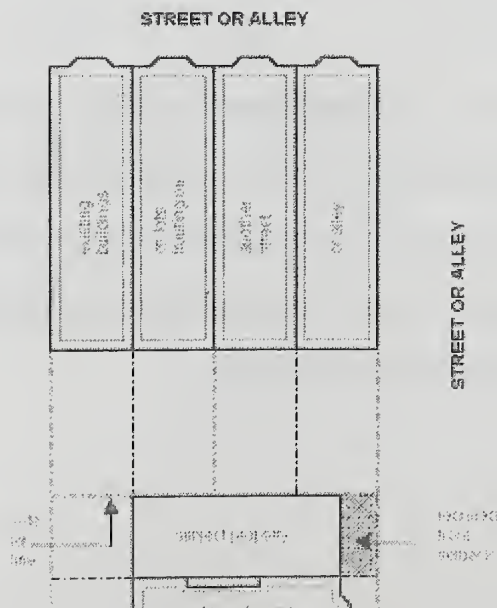
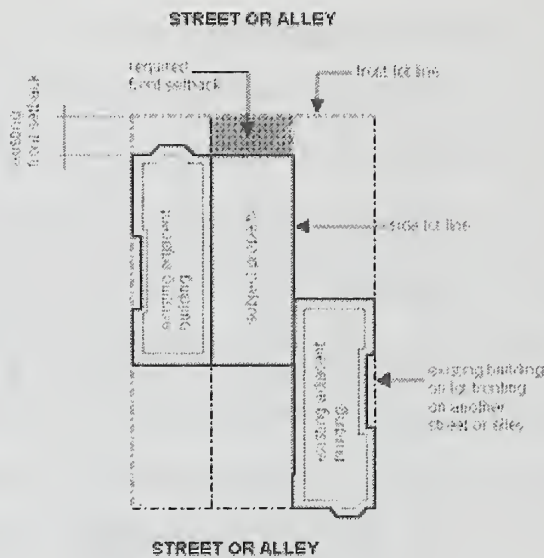
(c) Method of Measurement. The extent of the front setback of each adjacent building shall be taken as the horizontal distance from the property line along the street or alley to the building wall closest to such property line, excluding all projections from such wall, all decks and garage structures and extensions, and all other obstructions.

(d) Applicability to Special Lot Situations.



(1) Corner Lots and Lots at Alley Intersections. On a corner lot as defined by this Code, or a lot at the intersection of a street and an alley or two alleys, a front setback area shall be required only along the street or alley elected by the owner as the front of the property. Along such street or alley, the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to 1/2 the front setback of the adjacent building.

(2) Lots Abutting Properties That Front on Another Street or Alley. In the case of any lot that abuts along its side lot line upon a lot that fronts on another street or alley, the lot on which it so abuts shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building on its opposite side.



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(3) Lots Abutting RC, C, M and P Districts. In the case of any lot that abuts property in an RC, C, M or P District, any property in such district shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building in the RH, RTO, or RM District.

(e) Maximum Requirements. The maximum required front setback in any of the cases described in this Section 132 shall be 15 feet from the property line along the street or alley, or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot from such street or alley, whichever results in the lesser requirement. The required setback for lots located within the Bernal Heights Special Use District is set forth in Section 242 of this Code.

(f) Permitted Obstructions. Only those obstructions specified in Section 136 of this Code shall be permitted in a required front setback area, and no other obstruction shall be constructed, placed or maintained within any such area. No motor vehicle, trailer, boat or other vehicle shall be parked or stored within any such area, except as specified in Section 136.

(g) Landscaping and Permeable Surfaces. The landscaping and permeable surface requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back . All front setback areas required by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, and in every case not less than 20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant material, including the use of native/drought resistant plant material. For the purposes of this

1 Section, permitted obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back area
2 used to calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.

3 (h) Permeable Surfaces. The front setback area shall be at least 50% permeable so as to
4 increase stormwater infiltration. The permeable surface may be inclusive of the area counted towards
5 the landscaping requirement; provided, however, that turf pavers or similar planted hardscapes shall
6 be counted only toward the permeable surface requirement and not the landscape requirement.
7 Permeable surfaces are defined in Section 102.33.

8 (1) The Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, may waive
9 the permeable surface requirement if the site does not qualify as a suitable location pursuant to
10 Department of Public Works rules and regulations.

11 (2) If the site receives stormwater run-off from outside the lot boundaries, the Zoning
12 Administrator, after consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, may
13 modify the permeable surface requirement to include alternative management strategies, such as bio-
14 retention or other strategies, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission rules and regulations.

15 (i) Relationship to Legislated Setback Lines. In case of any conflict between the
16 requirements of this Section 132 for front setback areas and a legislated setback line as
17 described in Section 131 of this Code, the more restrictive requirements shall prevail.

18 **SEC. 142. SCREENING AND GREENING OF PARKING AND VEHICLE USE**
19 **~~AREAS, R AND NC AND EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS.~~**

20 Off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way in R and NC
21 and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be screened as provided in this Section.

22 (a) Screening of parking and vehicle use areas less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public
23 right-of-way:

1 (1) Every off-street parking space within a building, where not enclosed by solid
2 building walls, shall be screened from view from all streets and alleys through use of garage
3 doors or by some other means.

4 (b) (2) Along rear yard areas and other interior open spaces, all off-street parking
5 spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened from view and
6 confined by solid building walls.

7 (e) (3) Off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall meet the requirements of Section
8 156 and other applicable provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. Such parking areas shall be
9 screened from view as provided in Section 156(d) of this Code.

10 (b) Vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the public right-of-way. All
11 lots containing vehicular use areas where such area has more than 25 linear feet along any public
12 right-of-way shall provide screening in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the
13 Ornamental Fencing Section 102.32. The following instances shall trigger the screening requirements
14 for these vehicle use areas:

15 (1) Any existing vehicular use area that is accessory to an existing principal use if such use
16 expands gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building;

17 (2) Any repair rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use area, if such repair,
18 rehabilitation or expansion would increase the number of existing parking spaces by either more than
19 20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is greater; or

20 (3) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use are if such excavation and
21 reconstruction involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other surface devoted to
22 vehicular use. This provision does not apply to the resurfacing due to emergency work to underground
23 utilities if such work is intended to maintain safety or other public purpose beyond the control of the
24 property owner.

1 (c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent
2 to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to
3 the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque
4 barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:

5 (1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable
6 surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way; or

7 (2) A combination of permeable landscaping and ornamental fencing where the permeable
8 surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has
9 been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the
10 public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins,
11 detention basins or rain gardens, Sidewalk Pocket park Gardens to reduce stormwater runoff.

12 (d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby
13 allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement
14 provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings,
15 pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are
16 provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the
17 public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator
18 may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment
19 would:

20 (1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the
21 use of quality urban design; and

22 (2) ~~(2)~~Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff.

23 (3) Promotes the enhancement of the urban forest

1 **SEC. 143. STREET TREES**, ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR,~~
2 ~~SLI AND SSO DISTRICTS.~~

3 (a) In any ~~R, SPD, RSD, NC, C-3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI AND SSO~~
4 ~~DISTRICTS~~-District, street trees shall be installed by the owner or developer in the case of
5 construction of a new building; relocation of a building; the addition of gross floor area equal to
6 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a
7 garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 square feet of the front set-back,
8 20% or more of the gross floor plan area of an existing building has repairs or rehabilitation. ~~and~~
9 ~~within the RED, SPD, RSD, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI and SSO Districts, in the case of~~
10 ~~change of 20 percent or more of the occupied floor area of an existing building to another use.~~

11 (b) The street trees installed shall be a minimum of one tree of 24-inch box size for
12 each 20 feet of frontage of the property along each street or alley, with any remaining fraction
13 of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an additional tree. Such trees shall be located either
14 within a setback area on the lot or within the public right-of-way along such lot.

15 (c) The species of trees selected shall be suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees
16 installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by
17 the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation,
18 maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16
19 of the Public Works Code.

20 (d) In any case in which the Department of Public Works cannot grant approval for
21 installation of a tree in the public right-of-way, on the basis of inadequate sidewalk width,
22 interference with utilities or other reasons regarding the public welfare, ~~and where installation~~
23 of such tree on the lot shall be required itself is also impractical, the tree planning requirements
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1 of this Section 143 may be modified as described in Subsection 143(f) or (g) or waived as
2 described in Subsection 143(g) by the Zoning Administrator to the extent necessary.

3 (e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an
4 alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
5 installation of sidewalk landscaping to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit
6 approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.

7 ~~(e)(f)~~ In C-3, industrial, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Zoning
8 Administrator may allow the installation of planter boxes or tubs or similar landscaping in
9 place of trees when that is determined to be more desirable in order to make the landscaping
10 compatible with the character of the surrounding area, or may waive the requirement in C-3,
11 industrial, and mixed use districts, districts where landscaping is considered to be
12 inappropriate because it conflicts with policies of the Downtown Plan, a component of the
13 General Plan, such as the Downtown Plan policy favoring unobstructed pedestrian passage or
14 the Commerce and Industry Element policies to facilitate industry.

15 ~~(f)(g)~~ In Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, street trees shall be installed
16 along all street frontages in the public right of way as set forth in subsection (b). Street tree
17 basins shall be edged with decorative treatment, such as pavers or cobbles, in accordance
18 with City standards. ~~In the event that the Department of Public Works does not approve for any~~
19 ~~reason the installation of the number of trees required as set forth in subsection (b), an in-lieu fee for~~
20 ~~each missed street tree, in an amount set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code, shall be paid to~~
21 ~~the Adopt A Tree Fund. When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as~~
22 ~~an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the~~
23 ~~installation of sidewalk landscaping in accordance with all adopted standards and requirements.~~

1 (h) For each required tree that the Zoning Administrator waives, the permittee shall pay an
2 "in-lieu" street tree fee. This fee shall be the amount specified in the Public Works Code Article 16
3 and be payable prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The fee amount shall be deposited in
4 the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Tree Fund.

5 ~~(g)~~(i) DTR and C-3 Districts. In DTR and C-3 Districts, in addition to the requirements
6 of subsections (a)- ~~(d)~~~~(h)~~ above, all street trees shall:

7 ~~(1)~~ be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least
8 one foot back from the curb line;

9 ~~(2)~~ (1) have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height; with a root crown
10 ratio of X to x.

11 ~~(3)~~ (2) branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade; (this does not accommodate
12 for best tree practices of leaving lower branches to develop girth and good taper)

13 ~~(4)~~ (3) where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16
14 square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;

15 ~~(5)~~ (4) where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be
16 protected by a tree grate with a removable inner rings that can ~~to~~ provide for the tree's growth
17 over time up to the maximum girth at ground level for the species.;

18 ~~(6)~~ (5) provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overly-
19 compacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;

20 ~~(7)~~ (6) be irrigated according to specifications in Establishment Period Schedule or
21 the FUF watering schedule, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in
22 accordance with ~~Sec. 174 of the~~ Public Works Code, Article 16; and

23 ~~(8)~~ (7) be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the
24 basin for each tree is connected.

1 (j) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required; the street
2 tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) – (h) and shall meet the following additional
3 landscaping requirements:

4 (1) A continuous soil trough with structural soils shall be provided that connects the root
5 systems of these street trees to increase tree health is required unless there is a physical constraint.

6 (2) Where ground floor setbacks are required, landscaping is also required in the setbacks per
7 Section 132(g). All building setback areas not occupied by steps, porches or other permitted
8 obstructions shall be permeable as defined in Section 102.33. Setbacks should be designed to provide
9 access to landscaped areas, encouraging active use by residents.

10 (i) A water source should be provided for each residential setback reachable by a 30-
11 foot hose.

12 (ii) To allow for landscaping and street trees at street grade, below-grade parking shall
13 be located at a depth below any surface of the setback to provide a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6
14 inches.

15 (3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements
16 for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or
17 she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements.
18 Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as Sidewalk Pocket Park
19 Gardens, landscaped berms, detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting,
20 benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the
21 site or on the adjacent public right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of
22 Public Works.

23 **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

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1 (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof
2 solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered
3 a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this
4 Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional
5 use.

6 (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for which
7 conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval shall be
8 required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory uses
9 under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however, apply to
10 all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.

11 (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a specific
12 use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as
13 accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the ~~City~~ Planning Commission shall consider
14 the criteria set forth in Section 157.

15 (d) Any vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
16 parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R District, or
17 which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from view
18 therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid
19 wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height. Space allowing, a solid
20 fence or wall must be accompanied with landscaping.

21 (e) Any vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or
22 is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles shall be screened in accordance with the
23 standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas ~~within~~
24 ~~the NCT, C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-S, or C-3-G Districts shall be screened from view from every street, except~~
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1 ~~at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen~~
2 ~~hedge, not less than four feet in height.~~

3 (f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of automobiles in
4 any ~~R, NC, C, or South of Market~~ District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such
5 lighting fall entirely within such parking lot.

6 (g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it any
7 dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than of an
8 emergency nature.

9 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT
10 Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses pursuant to the
11 provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval;
12 permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as a conditional use.

13 (i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of Sections
14 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened in accordance with the standards described in
15 Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas ~~from views from every street,~~
16 ~~except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence or a solid wall not less than four~~
17 ~~feet in height,~~ except where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the
18 subject lot as an open space or play area for nearby residents.

19 (j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5
20 parking spaces and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section 102.33 Permeable
21 Surfaces. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate the
22 surface in areas with less than 5% slope. Trees must have a minimum of 30 sq. feet permeable
23 landscape surrounding them.

1 [Urban Forestry Council Recommendation on Management of Trees Affected by Pitch Canker
2 Disease]

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4 **Resolution recommending that all City agencies, private tree contractors and property**
5 **owners follow the recommendations made by the Pitch Canker Task Force when**
6 **managing trees impacted by pitch canker disease in San Francisco.**

7 WHEREAS, Pine pitch canker is a disease of conifers caused by the fungus *Fusarium*
8 *circinatum* (synonym: *Fusarium subglutinans* f. sp. *pini*); and,

9 WHEREAS, Pine pitch canker is impacting a significant number of Monterey pine
10 (*Pinus radiata*) and other pine species in San Francisco; and,

11 WHEREAS, The impacted trees can be among the largest and most mature trees
12 found within San Francisco; and,

13 WHEREAS, Many agencies and entities have responsibility for maintaining trees that
14 may be or have been infected by the disease; and,

15 WHEREAS, There has been a multitude of different approaches to tree management
16 when infection occurs; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Pitch Canker Task Force has identified that this disease is not always
18 fatal and in some cases trees may recover or resist the disease completely; now, therefore,
19 be it,

20 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends that the Board of
21 Supervisors adopt the Pitch Canker Task Force management recommendations for trees
22 infected by pine pitch canker as the City and County of San Francisco's recommended
23 approach to management of trees impacted by this disease.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forestry Council at its
Regular Meeting on February 23, 2010.

Monica Fish, Council Secretary

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Position Paper on the Retention of Pines Infected with Pitch Canker

(REVISED September 25, 2001)

The purpose of this document is to update the position of the Pitch Canker Task Force concerning when the presence of pitch canker justifies the removal of a diseased tree. Decisions concerning tree removal are often complex and the following information is a general policy statement and not a substitute for on-site professional hazard tree evaluation.

Monterey pine, along with many other pine species, is susceptible to pitch canker. The earliest symptom of pitch canker is dieback in the canopy, caused by infections on individual branches. Infections on large branches and the main stem of a tree can lead to top-kill and, in some cases, death of the entire tree. Trees differ in their susceptibility to pitch canker (see "What is Genetic Resistance?"), but nearly all will sustain some infections. Thus, when a tree shows early symptoms of pitch canker, it is not possible to predict how far the disease will progress in that tree. Recent research indicates that approximately 10% of Monterey pines are at least somewhat resistant to pitch canker; and will not sustain serious damage from this disease. Furthermore, some trees that do become heavily infected will recover from pitch canker.

Pitch canker infection is not a sole reason to remove a tree. The decision to remove a tree should be based on more general criteria, such as safety. Thus, if a tree has been deemed hazardous for any reason, it should be removed, regardless of its prospects for recovery from pitch canker.

Any recovery of the tree will be from living material. Infected trees may have numerous dead branches or the top section of the tree may be dead. Dead parts of the tree will not recover and will become increasingly weakened and unpredictable over time. Large dead material should be mitigated as soon as possible. Sometimes the tree may need to be removed even if it shows signs of recovery.

Most pitch canker affected trees will be found in areas where the disease is already present, and the above policy will be applicable. However, where pitch canker occurs in an area that is otherwise free of the disease, more aggressive efforts might be appropriate. To determine if this is applicable to your situation, contact your city forester, county agriculture commissioner, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or your local U.C. Cooperative Extension office. Please keep in mind that county or municipal regulations may require that a permit be obtained prior to tree removal.



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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of the March 26, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: March 26, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 4. Hearing on Nomination for Landmark Tree Status.** The Urban Forestry Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the following address meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree. (Discussion and Action)

***Sequoia sempervirens* located at Assessor's Block 6734, Lot 023; 46 Stillings Avenue, San Francisco, CA.** (Explanatory Documents: Landmark Tree Committee Written Report, Nomination Form, Landmark Tree Evaluation Forms, Arborist Report, Public Comment)
- 5. Urban Forestry Council Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Update.** Written Report by David Assmann, Acting Director (Continued from the March 26, 2010 Meeting) (Information and Discussion).
- 6. Election of Urban Forestry Council Officers.** (Discussion and Action)
- 7. Discussion of Amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to encompass Groups of Trees.**
Sponsor/Speaker: Member Cohen (Continued from the March 26, 2010 Meeting) (Discussion)

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8. **Proposed Changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement.** The Council will vote to propose amendments to the Tree Disclosure Statement. (Explanatory Document: Proposed Change to the Tree Disclosure Statement) (Discussion and Possible Action)
9. **Development and Trees.** The Council will review and discuss tree disclosure and protection requirements when developing near protected trees as it relates to the tree protection zone described for Landmark and Significant trees and consider the Planning and Funding Committee's Draft Resolution of recommendations. (Discussion and Possible Action)
10. **Greening of Lots where Development is on Hold.** The Council will discuss and vote on the Planning and Funding Committee's proposed Resolution making recommendations (Discussion and Possible Action).
11. **The Potential Effects on the Quality and Funding for the Urban Forest if Tree Maintenance were to be relinquished to Private Property Owners.** (Discussion)
12. **Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Explanatory Document: Staff Report) (Informational Report and Discussion)
13. **Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)
Planning & Funding Committee
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report

14. **Chair's Announcements:** Terry Milne, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)
15. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion).
16. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
17. **Adjournment.**

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 416, City Hall.

Public Comment

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2. Request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or
3. Directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a).)

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Posted: May 17, 2010

Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Evaluator's name: Jocelyn Cohen

Date of evaluation: April 8, 2009

Scientific name: Sequoia sempervirens

Common name: Coast redwood

Street address: 46 Stillings, San Francisco, CA 94141

Cross streets: Congo

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Unusual to see a redwood of this size in a small San Francisco back garden

Physical Attributes ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: magnificent trunk flare

Age: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: _____

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: Twin trunks, one dominant, one sub-ordinate. The trunk flare and root pad are not so unusual for a redwood, but we rarely see it in a prominent mini park setting like this.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: _____

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No ☒ X

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☐ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: ☐ Not to my knowledge, but I do not know when the tree was planted and the circumstances. _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: ☐ The tree does tower above the neighboring homes, but not to the extent one would think given its height. It sits lower and protected on the hill and lot. Some 40 feet of the tree is visible to the neighboring homes and then in rockets toward the sky.

High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Important wildlife habitat: _____ Yes _____ No

Erosion control: Yes ☐ No ☐

Wind or sound barrier: X Yes No

| Cultural | Yes | Partially | No |
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Neighborhood appreciation: X Yes None apparent

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: X Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: ___California native plant
afficianados

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: X Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Glen park is known for its rustic, somewhat rural, foresty feel. The home and tree are within minutes of Glen Canyon Park. This tree resides behind a small Glen Park cottage tucked away as one may suspect in GP. The tree creates a very woodsy, wild feel.

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes X Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage:

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Additional comments

The redwood appears to create a niche ecosystem, a residential park tucked away on a neighborhood residential street. It's the feeling one has going to a State Park, a rustic cabin and towering thick forest eliminating the stress and hubbub of the outside world. The tree creates a lush redwood forest ecosystem in a tiny back garden parcel.

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Evaluator's name: MALCOLM HILLAN
Date of evaluation: 4.8.10
Scientific name: SEQUOIA SEMPERVIRENS
Common name: COAST REDWOOD
Street address: 46 STILLINGS
Cross streets: CONGO

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☒ Common ☐ Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: COMMON IN THE AREA; OFTEN
PLANTED; NOT GENERALLY THOUGHT OF AS NATIVE
TO S.F.

Physical Attributes ☐ Yes ☒ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☐ Large ☒ Medium ☐ Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: DECENT SIZE FOR SAN FRANCISCO, AND
ESPECIALLY FOR AN UP-SLOPE LOCATION

Age: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: A YOUNGESTER FOR THE SPECIES

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: UNILK NOT RARE, THE "DOUBLE
NOSE" QUALITY OF THIS SPECIMEN IS INTERESTING

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Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: TREE IS IN GREAT CONDITION, AND
LOCATED AS IT IS, POSES VERY LITTLE HAZARD
FOR A TREE OF ITS SIZE.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION IS
THAT OF THE OWNER

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: OWNER KNEW OF NO DOCUMENTATION/
COVERAGE.

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: TREE IS LARGE AND
PROMINENT IN THE BACK-YARD VIEWScape OF THE BLOCK

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS MANY VERY LARGE TREES,
MOSTLY EUCALYPTUS (GLOBULUS). THE REDWOOD IS WELCOME.

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: NOT AN INTEGRAL MEMBER OF
A GROUP OF TREES

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☐ Yes ☒ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: NOT ACCESSIBLE FROM PUBLIC LOCATIONS. ONLY
THE TOP OF THE TREE IS VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC
LOCATIONS.

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High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: ... BACKYARD TREE ...

Important wildlife habitat: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

REPORTEDLY INHABITED BY MANY BIRDS, SOME MAMMALS. OWNER REPORTS AN ABUNDANCE OF ANIMAL ACTIVITY; SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS NOT DOCUMENTED.

Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: MAY CONTRIBUTE IN SOME MANNER, BUT NOT A PROBLEM IN THIS LOCATION

Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: TREE IS TALL ENOUGH THAT IT CERTAINLY MUST MITIGATE SOME WIND.

Cultural ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: NONE REPORTED BY OWNER

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: NONE REPORTED BY OWNER

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: NEIGHBORHOOD HAS AN ECLECTIC ASSORTMENT OF TREES / VEGETATION

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Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: WHILE VERY PROMINENT IN

RELATION TO THE OWNER'S HOME AND BACKYARD
SPACE, THE TREE IS LESS THAN OUTSTANDING.

"CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY" TO THE VIEWSCOPE

Additional comments AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS
ABOUT AS FAR AS I WOULD GO.

THIS IS AN INTERESTING AND BEAUTIFULY
MAINTAINED SPECIMEN. THE SPECIES IS
A SENTIMENTAL FAVORITE LOCALLY. THE
TREE'S SIZE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BLOCK/
NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WORTHY. WITH THIS
AND THE VERY SAFE LOCATION IN MIND,
I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS TREE FOR
LANDMARKING.

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: April 8, 2010

Scientific name: *Sequoia sempervirens*

Common name: Giant redwood

Street address: 46 Stillings Ave.

Cross streets: _____

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Rarity: ☒ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Redwood trees of this size and grandeur are rare in urban settings, particularly outside of parks.

Physical Attributes ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: See above.

Age: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: _____

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: The double-trunk is unusual and striking.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

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Describe: The tree seems to be in good health.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: This tree is an outstanding feature of the local ecology, providing significant ecosystem services including stormwater filtering, and air pollutant and greenhouse gas reductions.

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☐ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☐ Yes ☒ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: _____

High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

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Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: _____ Yes _____ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Erosion control: _____ Yes _____ X _____ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: _____ X _____ Yes _____ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Cultural _____ Yes _____ Partially _____ X _____ No

Neighborhood appreciation: _____ Yes _____ X _____ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: _____ Yes _____ X _____ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: _____ Yes _____ X _____ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: _____ Yes _____ X _____ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Note that the redwood is listed as “vulnerable” on the IUCN List of Threatened Species”

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Evaluator's name: Chris Buck, Department of Public Works, Urban Forestry Inspector

Date of evaluation: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Scientific name: Sequoia sempervirens

Common name: Coast Redwood

Street address: 46 Stillings Ave, SF CA 94131

Cross streets: Congo Street

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☒ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: There are many coast redwoods planted in backyards and in parks in San Francisco.

Physical Attributes ☐ Yes ☒ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☐ Large ☒ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: The prevailing winds are keeping the height of the tree limited to just above the neighboring rooflines. Diameter of tree's two trunks and overall height are average for the species in a backyard setting.

Age: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: This tree is probably older than the average backyard tree but it is not significantly advanced in age for the species.

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Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☒ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: The tree has two co-dominant trunks, with one a little bit larger and taller than the other. However, it is common for redwoods to develop multiple trunks, and although majestic when viewed from the ground, it is not good form for the species.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Overall health and vigor of the redwood tree is good. The tree's structure consists of two co-dominant trunks but the main union of the two trunks has a wide point of attachment, which makes the tree less prone to failure than if the union was a narrow point of attachment with included bark. The very tops of the two trunks are suffering from wind burn, evidenced by the reduced vigor and growth of the needles, and the brownish color of the foliage. This is typical for the species when exposed to strong prevailing winds. It is not a tree health issue overall, but the winds will keep the height of the tree limited to just above the rooflines at its current height. The stump sprouts at the base of the trunk are a sign of stress but is typical of the species and is not a significant concern. The entire backyard is planted with suitable companion plants and the location of the tree within the center of the yard is allowing it ample room to grow.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: Private property tree in rear yard. Highly valued by owner's family.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Within its backyard setting, the tree and landscaped yard provide inspiration. The companion landscaping in the yard really adds to the value of the tree. The owner should be commended!

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Many backyard trees in neighborhood. Not many street trees on Congo Street due to narrow sidewalks.

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

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Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☒ No
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Tree is visible from across the street and from the corner of Stillings & Congo. Due to the slope of the property, the height of the tree is actually taller than it appears from the street. However, there is no public accessibility to the site, so to the public what is visible is an average looking redwood tree in a backyard.

High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: Backyard tree, visible from the corner of Stillings & Congo.

Important wildlife habitat: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Birds

Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: No soil erosion issue where tree is located (i.e., no steep slopes or retaining walls, terracing, etc).

Wind or sound barrier: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Cultural ☐ Yes ☒ Partially ☐ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: To the property owner this tree is culturally very important. Many people value large stature trees like redwoods on private property. Communities in general feel good just to know the tree is there in their midst. I think many people value this tree's existence, though they do not have immediate access to the tree.

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Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Within the owner's yard, the redwood is a very striking, outstanding natural feature and the owner should be very proud to have cultivated and created such an inspiring setting. However, this enjoyment is limited to just those who have access to the backyard.

Additional comments

Although the tree is beautiful and the owner's landscaping in the backyard makes you feel like you have "entered the grove," the redwood tree itself is an average example of the species.

Any neighbor disputes or view issues should be disclosed at this time, if known.

Turning down the homeowner's request to landmark their redwood tree in no way diminishes the value and amazing setting that they have created. The owner should be commended and feel proud about their contribution to the environment and they will be able to enjoy the tree for many, many years to come.

(attached: 17 pages of photos)

Congo Street

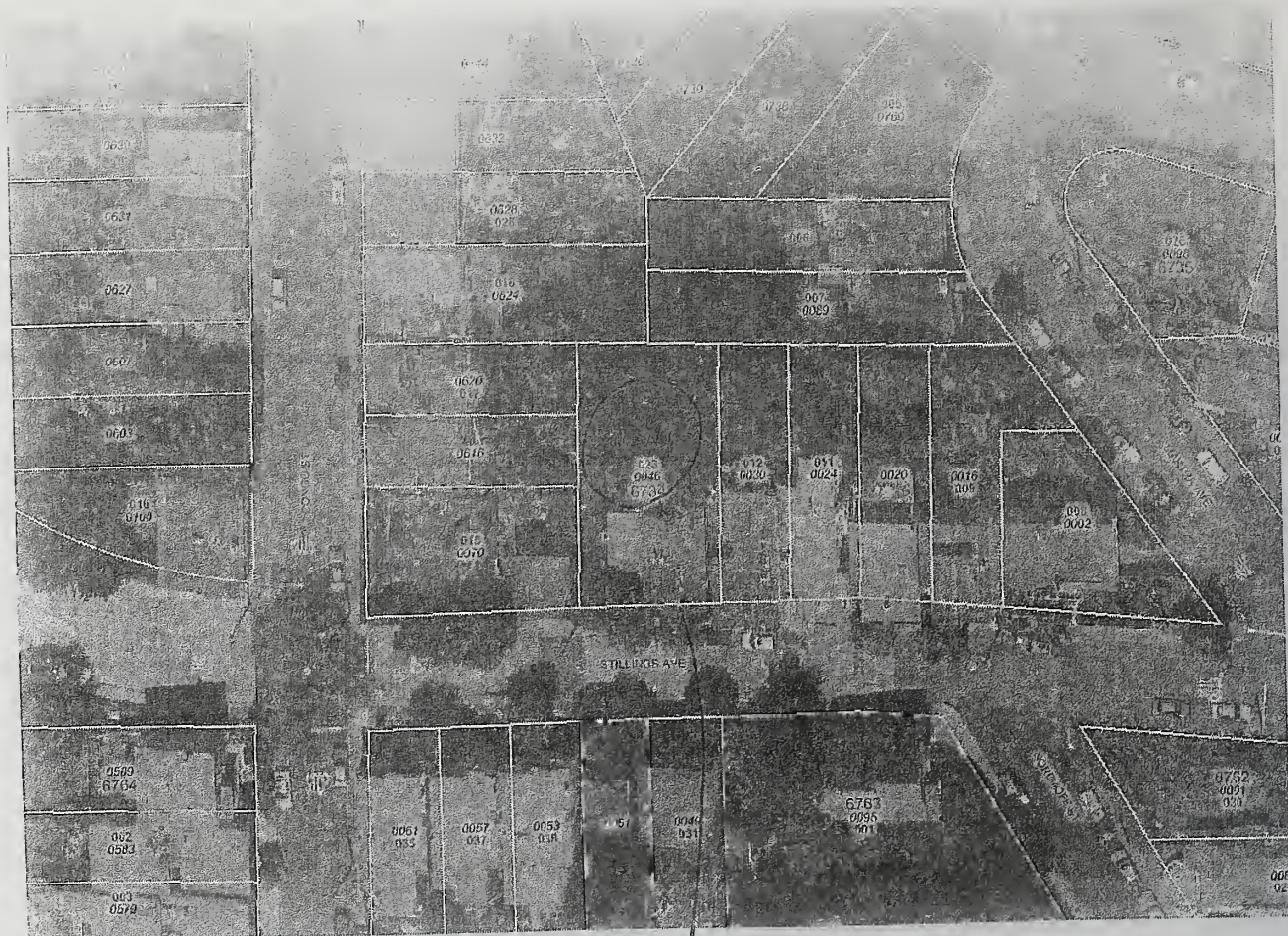


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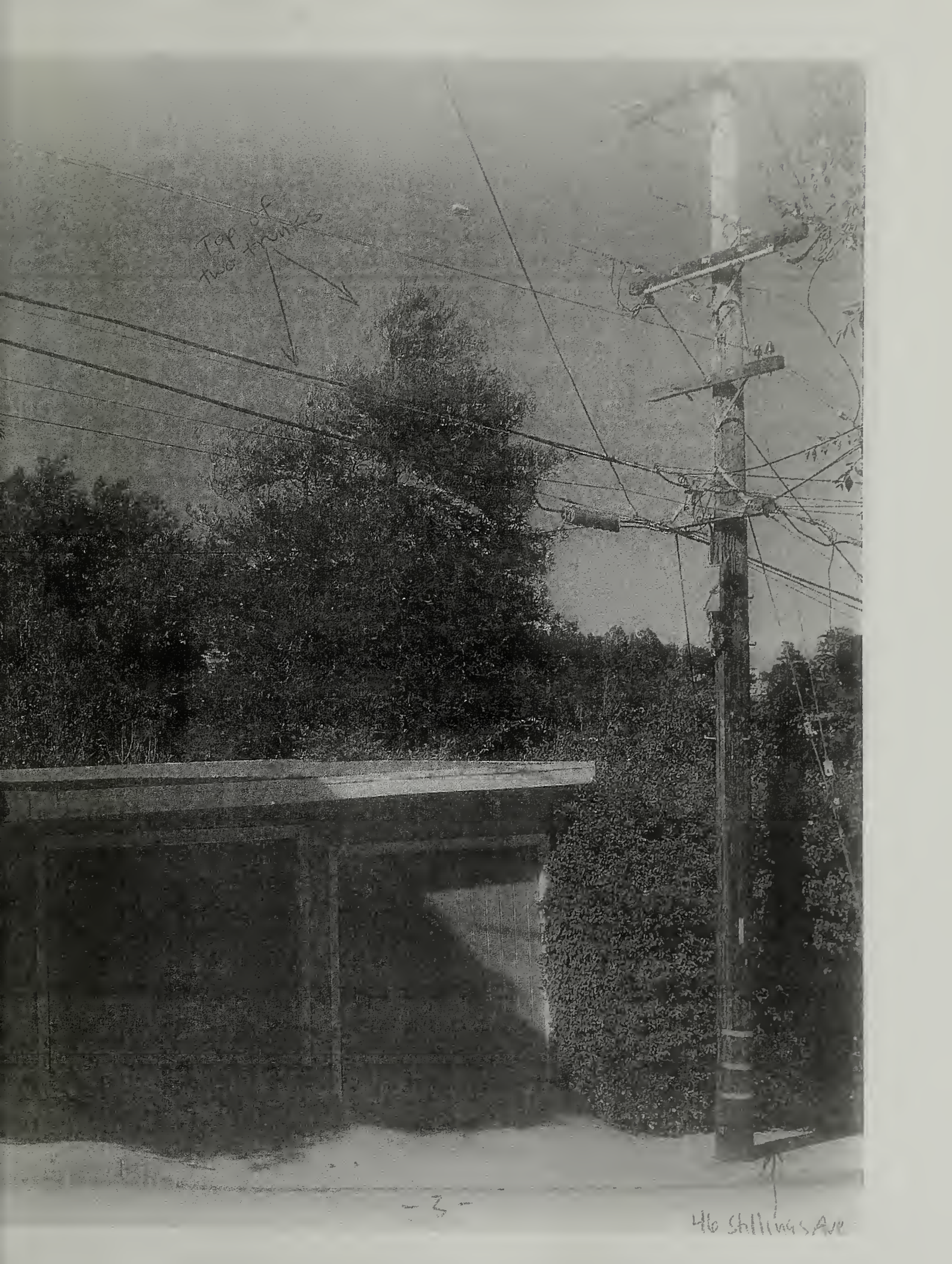
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46 Stillings Ave.



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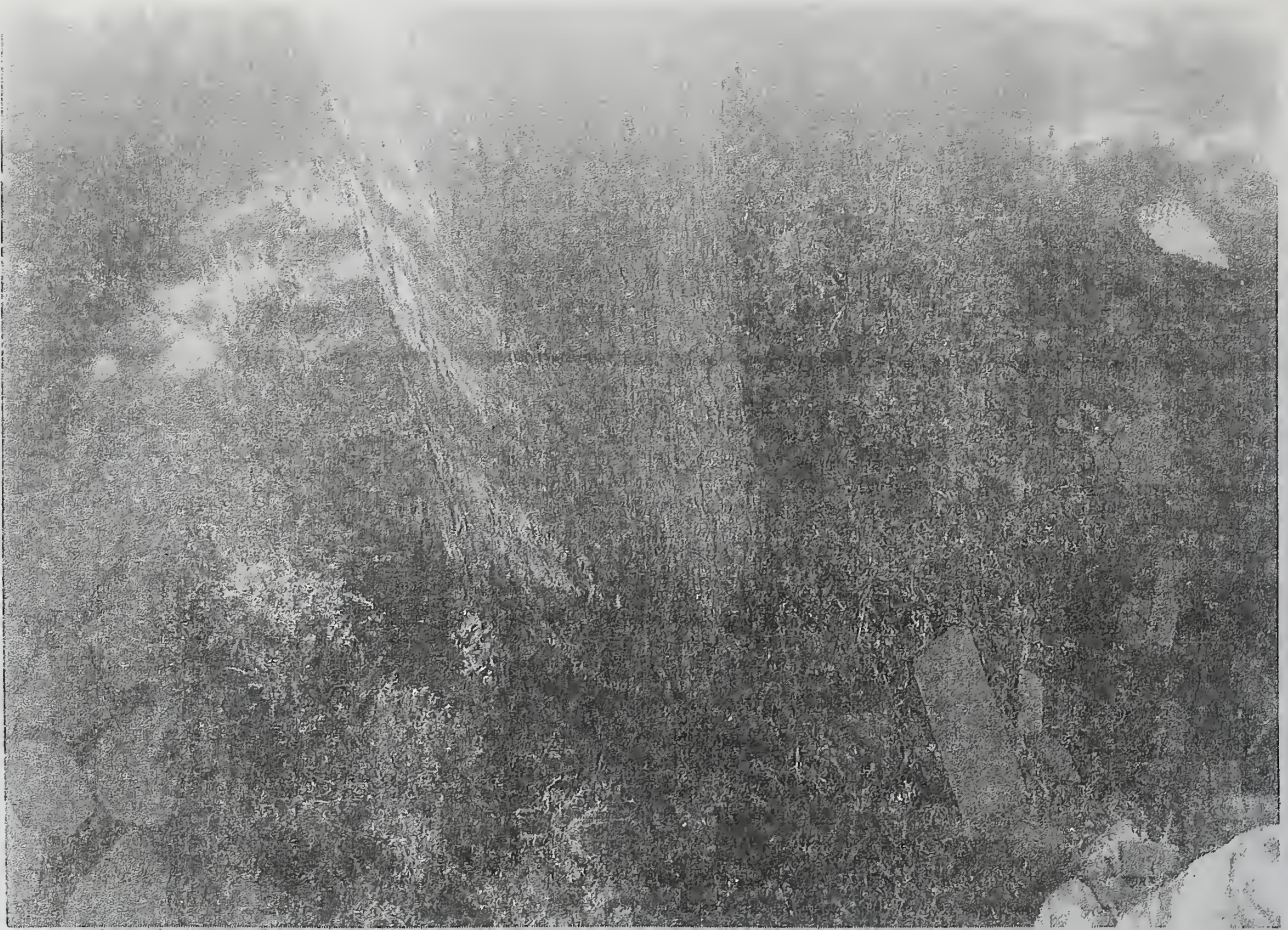
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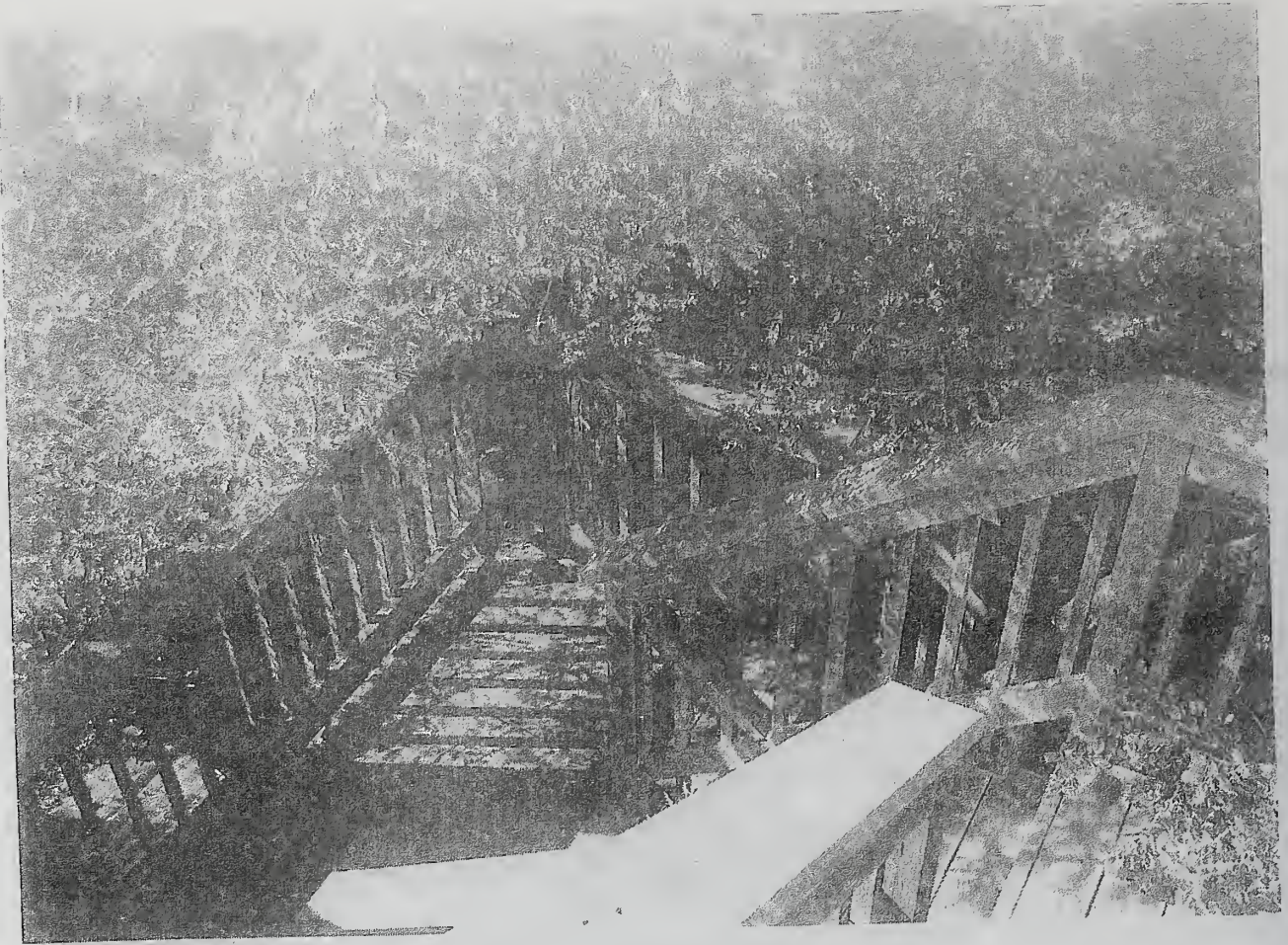








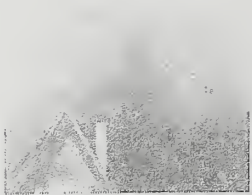






Redwood
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Are there any view issue
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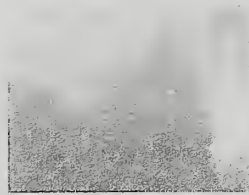
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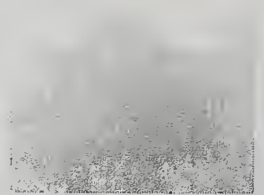
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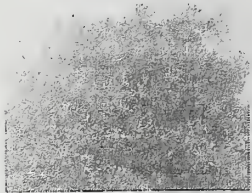
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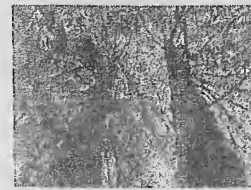
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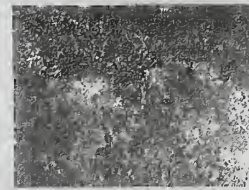
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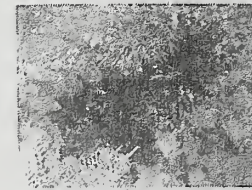
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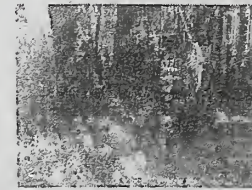
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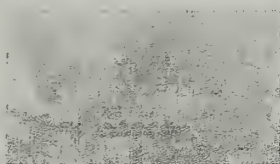
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DPW-BUF

4/8/2010

Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: 3/3/10

Scientific name: sequoia sempervirens

Common name: Redwood Tree

Street address: 46 Stillings

Cross streets: Congo Street

Rarity ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Rarity: ☒ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Though not entirely unheard of in the City, this tree, due it's large stature is extremely uncommon, especially in good form, in private yards. Tree is located in a double-lot, which allows more room to grow successfully.

Physical Attributes ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: North stem approx 23" DBH, South stem, approximately 30" DBH. Approximately 60' tall. **Extremely** large tree for a private backyard area in this City.

Age: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Owner reports that the tree was growing in place and of significant stature when they moved into the home more than 50 years ago.

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: The tree is beautiful. The two stems have good separation with no bark inclusion. There is approximately 26" between the trunks at breast height. The branches are full to the outside, with more branch spacing to the interior section between the trunks. It has a nice conical form to each trunk, with lower branches slightly weeping. It's gorgeous.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Tree appears to be vigorous with well spaced branching structure and strong, well spaced trunks.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☐ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Tree is quite large and lovely. It's located in a backyard garden area. There are many plants nearby, though this is by far the largest and most impressive.

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: There are several other trees in the immediate area, within this yard and other adjacent yards, though in the larger neighborhood context, tree canopy coverage is moderate.

Interdependent group of trees: ☒ Yes ☐ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: This tree is absolutely a super-canopy in the garden.

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Tree can be seen from various points on the surrounding streets, as it is taller than the adjacent building on the property.

High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: It's located in a private back yard area.

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Important wildlife habitat: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals. Homeowner reports relationships with several bird species and other wild animals, in addition to it's importance to local wildlife as a coastal California native.

Erosion control: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: The root crown rests in a slightly elevated location in the garden.

Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: Given the stature of the tree, coupled with it's location near the building on the property, it likely provides some wind and sound barrier to the buildings occupants.

Cultural ☐ Yes ☒ Partially ☐ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: Though staff did receive a few calls regarding the tree nomination, no emails or letters had been received.

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation:

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: The quiet garden area is highly positively affected by the large, cooling canopy of this tree.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage:

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: As described previously, the tree is large, beautiful, and appears to be healthy.

Additional comments

This is one of the nicest trees I've reviewed for this process in a long time. It's simply beautiful. Couple this with its size, apparent health, the property owner's love and care for the tree, relative rarity of this species within the City in general and especially as a privately owned tree, and status as a California native, I highly recommend this tree for landmark status.

FROM: Tree Shapers <info@treeshapers.com>
Subject: LETTER RE "LANDMARK" STATUS FOR REDWOOD AT 46 STILLINGS, S.F., CA - TREE SHAPERS
Date: April 6, 2010 6:40:14 PM PDT
To: Maggi Rubenstein <[REDACTED]>
1 Attachment, 59.1 KB



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6 April 2010

Maggi Rubenstein
[REDACTED]
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Re Landmark Status For Your Redwood Tree

Dear Ms Rubenstein, per your request, I visually examined your rear Redwood/*Sequoia sempervirens* with the question of its value for "Landmarking."

Your tree consists of two trunks measuring approximately twenty and twenty-four inches in diameter at "Breast Height" - a standard of measurement fifty-four inches above grade. The crowns reach about forty-five to nearly fifty feet above your garden. The trunks are well spaced and we have free of mutual space constraint for many more decades. The trunks are handsome and capable of supporting much taller canopies. The vertical constraint here - just as at the front of Muir Woods - is the wind which prunes the topmost foliage with more precision than a devoted arborist. The tops of your tree are visible from many blocks away. Not only are they visually prominent, but they contribute valuable habitat as well being not just a tree but a native species as well.

This is a species which will not only outlive all of us but maybe our culture as well. You have always been a good steward for this tree. Seeking "Landmark" status for your tree is just another step in helping to insure its continuity for the enjoyment of future visitors but of allowing it to experience its biological potential.

Respectfully,

Ted Kipping - Certified & Consulting Arborist ASCA
www.treeshapers.com

Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board may nominate a tree.
- The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
- A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- ☒ Property owner
- ☐ Board of Supervisor member
- ☐ Head of a city department or agency
- ☐ Planning Commission member
- ☐ Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department, Property Owner):

Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature

Date

Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice.

Signature

Date

Sarah Rubenstein Thomas
Sarah Rubenstein Thomas 3/15/11

David Rubenstein DAVID RUBENSTEIN
 15 MARCH 2010

Marguerite Rubenstein MARGUERITE RUBENSTEIN

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The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Redwood - Sequoia SEMPERVIRENS

Number of trees: 2 - TWO TREES GROWING 4 FEET APART WHICH SHARE A CANOPY.

Street address: 46 STILLINGS AVE. 46 STILLINGS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94131

Location of Tree: ☐ Front yard ☒ Rear yard ☐ Side yard ☐ Corner-side yard

☐ Public right-of-way ☐ Public lands ☐ Not sure

☐ Other: _____

If the tree which extends beyond multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does so?

☐ Trunk ☐ Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

☐ Front yard ☐ Rear yard ☐ Side yard ☐ Corner-side yard

Does not extend beyond multiple properties.

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height 60 feet BOTH TREES

Average canopy width 25 feet BOTH TREES

Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 92 in. 69 inches

Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

Circumference at ground level 113 in. 87 inches

Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

RarityRarity: ☐ Rare ☒ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Compared to other coast redwood trees in San Francisco, these are older than average.**Physical**Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Approx. age of these trees is 110 years. Considering that this species can live to be over 1000 years old, their age is young for the species.Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: _____

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: These trees are in excellent health, with no structural problems. Considering that three large trees have been removed from the immediate vicinity in the last ten years, they are not needing to compete for light. Removed trees were not coast redwood trees.Historical Association: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: These trees are growing in the home garden of a well-known person in San Francisco LGBT politics, who has lived here for 50 years.Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

EnvironmentalProminent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: These trees are visible for blocks in most directions.Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ☒ Yes ☐ No

This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: These two trees are very dependent on each other, and one could not be removed without adversely affecting the other.Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: High visibility only. Not accessible from public property.High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Erosion control: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: Trees are growing on a slightly sloping hillside and are important in preventing soil erosion.Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Cultural

Neighborhood appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: Various neighbors have expressed appreciation for the beauty of these trees.

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: These large trees add to the natural beauty of this Glen Park neighborhood.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Part of the landscaping of the garden utilizes perennials typical of a redwood ecosystem.

Additional comments

These trees have been a source of beauty and inspiration for the entire 50 years that I have lived here, and I want to ensure that they will be protected and preserved for generations to come.

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

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If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.

A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

Please attach optional supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

Send to: Urban Forestry Council, c/o Mei Ling Hui, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
OR meiling.hui@sfgov.org

Any information you submit will be part of the public record.

The Public Records Act defines a "public record" broadly to include "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used or retained by any state or local agency, regardless of the physical form or characteristics." Govt. Code § 6252(e). The Sunshine Ordinance defines "public information" as the content of "public records" as defined in the Public Records Act. Admin Code § 67.20(b). Pursuant to the Public Records Act and Sunshine Ordinance, this document is a public record and will be available to the public upon request, at the hearing site, at the San Francisco Main Library, and on the Urban Forestry Council's website. Admin Code §§ 8.16, 67.7 (b), and 67.21(a).

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| Application received date _____ | Received by _____ |
| Tree evaluation form _____ | UFC recommendation date _____ |
| Board of Supervisors Decision _____ | |
| Landmark Tree # _____ | Title recorded date _____ |

46 STILLINGS TREES.



46 STILLINGS TREES



[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA 94131

April 7, 2010

To whom it may concern:

This letter concerns the upcoming public hearing of the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council to discuss and take action on the nomination for landmark status of the redwood tree *Sequoia sempervirens* located at 46 Stillings Avenue, assessor's block #6734, lot 023.

We, Ken Avery and Jim Skeen, live at [REDACTED]. Our backyard is adjacent to 46 Stillings Avenue. For twenty years we have admired and enjoyed this beautiful redwood tree. Our neighborhood is the better for having it.

We are in favor of giving this redwood landmark status. Out-of-state travel prevents us from attending the meeting on April 13, but we urge you to take action and help assure that this tree remains with us for many years.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Avery and James Skeen

Kenneth Avery
Jim Skeen

April 11, 2010

Marguerite Rubenstein
Sarah Rubenstein Thomas
David Rubenstein

This letter is addressed to all the owners of the redwood tree located in the rear yard of 46 Stillings Avenue. We (your neighbors) have been notified by the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council that a landmark designation is being sought for the redwood tree and wish to express our concerns in this matter.

This large redwood tree is not native to San Francisco and was planted in the middle of what has become a dense urban neighborhood. All of us live within the reach of this tree if it were to fail at any time in the future. We wish to express to the owners of this tree that a landmark designation for the tree does not relieve you of the responsibility to maintain the tree in a manner which will keep the tree from becoming a hazard to the neighborhood. Any failure of this tree would be catastrophic and you would be liable for the damage that would result.

The tree is growing immediately behind the house at 46 Stillings Ave. In a line due east of the tree lie the rear portions of both 30 Stillings Ave and 24 Stillings Ave. These properties are both downhill and downwind from the tree. The bedrooms at 24 Stillings are in the rear of the house.

To the best of our knowledge, this tree has been pruned only one time in the past 22 years to open up the canopy of the tree and help it deal with the western winds and this happened many years ago. It is a serious responsibility to maintain a tree of this size when it is growing in the middle of an urban environment. The tree appears to be long overdue for maintenance.

Redwood trees have very shallow root systems. They can and do fall over even when growing in the best of conditions in the wild. All one has to do to see this is visit a redwood forest such as Humboldt State Park where many giant redwood trees lay fallen, brought down by winter storms. In 1995, a winter storm in San Francisco hit with 100 mile per hour winds and toppled an estimated 3,000 trees in Golden Gate Park alone. Large trees have fallen in Glen Park, as well. Within the past 10 years an enormous Monterey cypress fell across Bosworth St. Anne Laskey was living at 24 Stillings when a large pine tree was blown down in her own rear yard, falling across hers and the neighbor's rear yards. No large tree is immune from possible collapse under the right conditions. That is why the other very large trees were removed from the center of this block.

You state in your application that the recent removal of large trees from the block has removed competition for light. But what about competition for water?

According to an article written by Pam Pierce in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 24, 2010 (a copy of the article is attached), she states, "Another serious consideration is that these are one of the thirstiest of trees (referring to redwood trees) - not only when young but all their lives. In their native coastal region, they survive on the 25 to 100 inches of winter rainfall, as well as the fog that condenses on them in summer..." San Francisco barely gets 22 inches in good years and often less. That is one of the reasons that redwood trees are not native to San Francisco. The rear yard at 46 Stillings is packed with vegetation including many other large trees, all competing for the same water supply. If one observes the growing tips of the two redwood stems from uphill, they appear to be stressed. It is not apparent that the tree has been irrigated during the long, dry summer months.

A landmark designation makes it very difficult to remove a tree. There is a complex process to be followed with fees assessed by the city. If a tree becomes an imminent hazard, the city can order its immediate removal with all costs to be paid by the owner.

What if it becomes apparent that the tree is becoming a hazard to the neighbors? Will you be willing to go through the process to get a permit for removal? Would there even be enough time to do so if another big storm hits the city? Will you assume that a landmark designation makes the tree more special than the right of your neighbors to live in an environment safe from the hazard of a falling tree? These are some of the questions that need to be answered before this designation is granted.

We feel that you should have the tree inspected by an unbiased, professional arborist to determine the current status of the tree's health and what steps should be taken for maintenance of the tree to prevent it becoming a hazard to your neighbors, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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| <u>Amel Lashay</u> | <u>4/11/2010</u> | |
| <u>Rui Joo</u> | <u>4/11/10</u> | <u>[REDACTED]</u> |
| <u>Jonathan</u> | <u>24A 4/11/2010</u> | |
| <u>R. W. W. G.</u> | <u>4/12/2010</u> | <u>[REDACTED]</u> |
| <u>Erik Kramnik</u> | <u>4/12/2010</u> | |

GARDEN

GOLDEN GATE GARDENER *By Pam Peirce*

Coastal redwoods best left to thrive on the coast

A reader comments on a recent column:

The question about redwood trees you answered in your Nov. 15 column makes me think that you might usefully write a column about appropriate trees to plant in urban and suburban settings. The person who planted these trees is obviously clueless about the growth habits of redwoods and probably should never have planted them in the first place. Even if they grow into what the person who planted them expects, they are very likely to become either irritants or threats to neighbors. The person might as well have planted two Lombardy poplars or two Tasmanian blue gums.

A: Coast redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) are certainly too big for the average urban lot. A typical 25-foot-wide backyard will be overwhelmed by even one 30-foot-wide tree that can reach 70 feet tall in 25 years. Redwoods are sometimes planted close together at the edge of larger properties, with the idea that they will be pruned or removed before they become too crowded, without the homeowner understanding what a difficult and expensive process that can be. I have seen them planted ridiculously near each other, or decks or other structures, or in places where they will eventually create more shade than anticipated, disappointing homeowners and neighbors.

The shade under coast redwoods is so uninvitingly deep that Indians didn't live in those forests, entering their shadows only to hunt. Indeed, the shade and thick, leafy duff that forms beneath them keep most other plants from growing there.

Another serious consider-

ation is that these are one of the thirstiest of trees — not only when young but all their lives. In their native coastal region, they survive on the 25 to 100 inches of winter rainfall, as well as on the fog that condenses on them in summer, reducing evaporation and actually trickling down to the soil. In warm summer locations, they will require ample irrigation.

Bottom line: Outside of its native range, there is probably a better tree for most of the landscape uses you might have in mind. While it is more information than I can cover in this column, you can find lists of trees with their traits (such as height, spread or drought tolerance). For example, see the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, Sunset Publishing Corp., 2007) or try searching Selectree at the Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute (ufei.org).

Q: I grew up in Sonoma County and a favorite place was always Armstrong Redwoods State National Reserve in Guerneville. I now live in Escondido (San Diego County), and I miss the redwoods. Is it impossible to successfully grow redwoods in this area? I want you to be honest and tell me if it would be too much hassle, and if any I planted would be unhappy. We have a lot that is .87 acres. We have about 35 fruit trees, mostly citrus that do very well. We are somewhat inland and it gets hot in summer. This area is full of avocados. We recently made a trip to Sacramento, and redwoods are everywhere! Any grassy center median or any park has been planted, by the way, with the lower branches trimmed, and they are beautiful.

A: Coast redwoods do succeed in some inland California locations. In fact, I know there is one in Vista, the next town over from Escondido, because years ago I gave it to a neighbor of my parents. It did grow, though that lone tree never gave me the feel of being among redwoods.

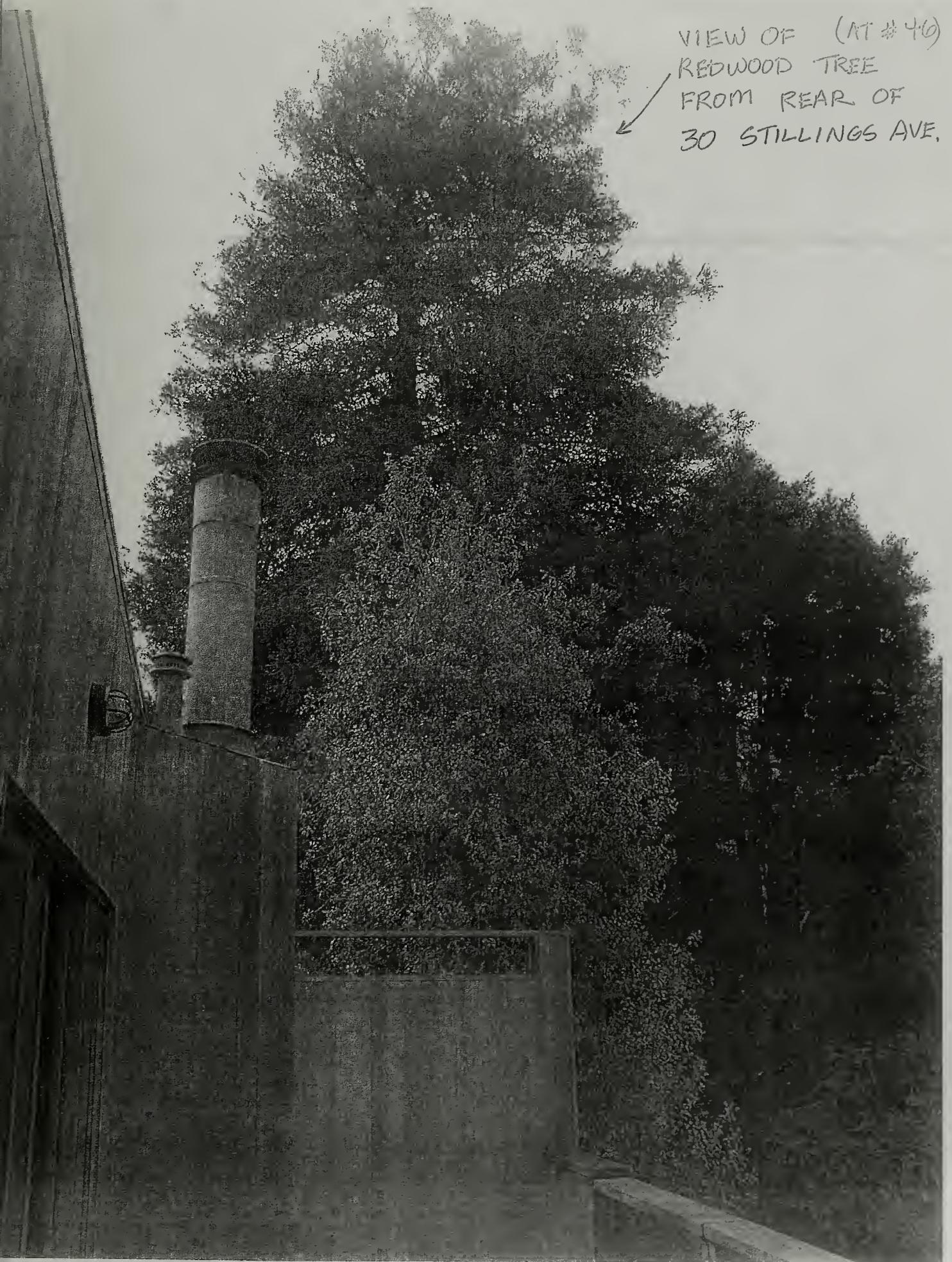
Since that tree was planted, and since the ones in Sacramento were planted, we've all become more aware of the folly of planting a tree that needs so much water in a dry place. Your area not only has hot summers but also rainfall that would naturally grow something more like a desert. Your citrus needs about as much water as a young redwood, but the redwood will need more as it grows bigger, and an underwatered redwood tree will not grow tall and lush. Other factors that cause redwoods to decline include soil that is heavy clay, has an alkaline pH or is high in sodium or magnesium. The salts in recycled water pose a risk.

Although you might successfully grow redwood trees, with plenty of irrigation, I suggest you visit the nearby San Diego Botanical Garden (SDBGarden.org, (760) 436-3036) and see if you can fall in love with any of the many wonderful drought-tolerant subtropical trees you can grow in your area. Then vacation now and then near a real coastal redwood forest for the full redwood experience. Or consider a visit to Sequoia National Park, to see the similar Sierra redwoods.

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Coastal redwoods scrape the Redwood State Park in north

VIEW OF (AT #40)
REDWOOD TREE
FROM REAR OF
30 STILLINGS AVE.



UPPER CROWN OF REDWOOD TREE
AT 46 STILLINGS AVE: VIEW FROM
STILLINGS AVE (FROM SOUTHWEST OF TREE)

WEST

GROWING TIP OF
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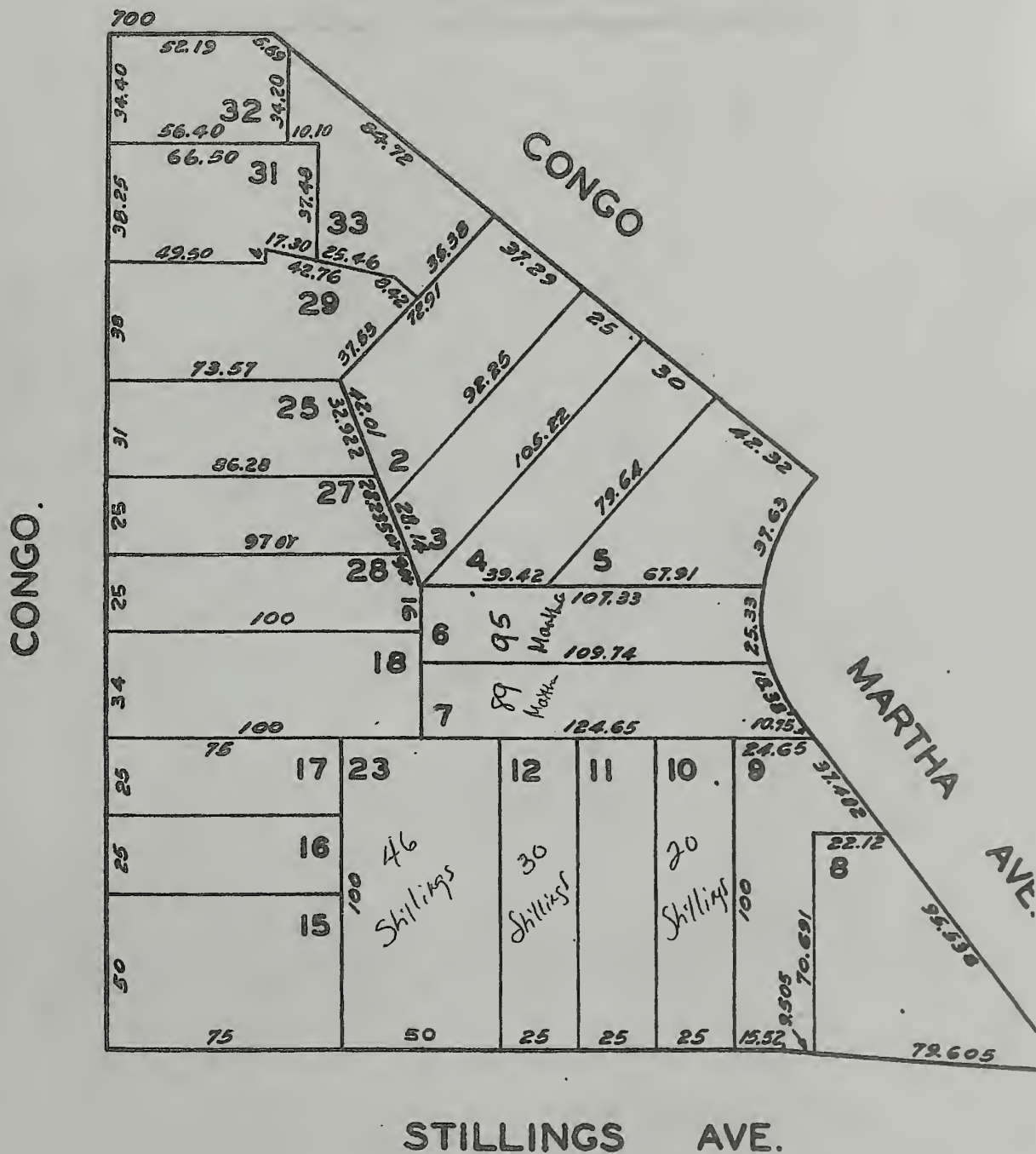
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REDWOOD 1500

VIEW OF BACK YARD
AT 40 STILLINGS AVE



CIRCUMFERENCE
AT CHEST HT.
= 154 IN.

BASE OF
REDWOOD TREE
AT 95 NORDHOF

BASE CIRCUM.
= 192 IN.

HEIGHT OF TRUNK = 59'



REDWOOD TREE AT 45 NORDHOLT ST.



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Memo

To: Urban Forest Council
From: David Assmann, Acting Director
Date: 5/19/2010
Re: Urban Forest Program Budget

Budget Issues

The Department's budget for urban forest work continues to dwindle. For fiscal 2010-2011, the Department will receive \$53,000 in funding for urban forest work. Our urban forest support has dropped more than 50% from the \$128,000 we received in fiscal 2007-2008. Contracting budgets, particularly reduced General Fund departmental budgets, clearly shows that our financial support model for urban forest programs is no longer viable.

The Urban Forest Program uses the services of both an Urban Forest Coordinator, Mei Ling Hui, and a Commission Secretary, Monica Fish. The funds we now have available will only support 39% of Mei Ling's time. With the advent of an additional 12 days of furloughs next year, this means that realistically, our urban forest work has to be done in about 1.5 days per week.

Given the current budget climate, getting general fund support, or additional support from other City departments, is impossible. The only viable options involve getting outside grant support, or developing a new dedicated funding stream through assessment districts or other means.

The small amount of money that we currently have available is unfortunately not guaranteed, and will undoubtedly continue to dwindle. It is important to focus the Council's efforts on funding alternatives, and to that end, I suggest that the Planning and Funding Committee dedicate significant time to coming up with new funding options. The Department will help in any way it can.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tree Disclosure Statement

1. REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Public Works Code Section 8.02-8.11 requires disclosure and protection of landmark, significant and street trees located on private and public property, and that they be shown on approved site plans. A completed disclosure statement must accompany all building permit applications that include building envelope expansion, new curbcuts, new garages, and all demolition or grading permit applications.

Protected trees include street trees and both significant trees and landmark trees on or over a development. Protected trees *must be protected* according to a protection plan developed by a certified arborist before demolition, grading or construction begins. Any tree identified in this Disclosure Statement must be shown on the Site Plans with size of the trunk diameter, tree height, and accurate canopy dripline.

If the protected tree is to remain and if activity occurs within the dripline, prior to building permit issuance, a tree protection plan prepared by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist is to be submitted to the Planning Department on a full-sized plan sheet. The protection plan must state specific measures which if applied before construction can reasonably be expected to preserve the health of the tree. Additionally, the arborist must include a written statement to the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) verifying that the specified protections will be in place before demolition, grading or building permit will be issued, unless the Department of Public Works (DPW) waives or modifies these requirements.

If the applicant seeks to remove a Protected Tree, the applicant must get a tree removal permit from DPW before the Planning Department permit is issued. Illegally removing a protected tree may constitute a violation of the San Francisco Public Works Code Section 8.11, which can lead to criminal and/or civil legal action and the imposition of administrative fines.

2. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that the information I have entered on this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understood this form, and that I am the property owner or designee of the property owner, familiar with the property, and able to provide accurate and complete information herein.

Print Name

Title

Mailing Address: Street

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Phone

Mailing Address: City, State, Zip

Fax # or Email Address

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3. PROTECTED TREES

The applicant must answer questions in the following table:

| A | SIGNIFICANT TREES | Qty |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| | Are there any trees within 10-feet of a lot line abutting a public right-of-way that are above 20-feet in height, or with a canopy greater than 15-feet in diameter, or with a trunk diameter greater than 12-inches in diameter at breast height? (Check which boxes apply and document quantity of each tree type.) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees on the subject property | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees on adjacent property overhanging the project site | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> There are no such trees at these locations. | |

If there is no sidewalk, the 10-foot distance is measured from the property line edge of the street. If there are no trees of the above size, go to item B. If any other above boxes are checked, the tree qualifies as a significant tree per DPW Code and is entitled to certain protections. The location and species of all such trees must be drawn on the site plans (if no plans are required for this application the trees must be drawn on the reverse side of this form).

| B | LANDMARK TREES | Qty |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| | Are there any Landmark Trees on the project lot or on lots adjacent to the property? (Check which boxes apply and document quantity of each tree type.) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees on the subject property | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees on the adjacent City right-of-way (street trees); | |
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Landmark trees are trees that meet criteria for age, size, shape, species, location, historical association, visual quality, or other contribution to the City's character and have been found worthy of landmark status after public hearings at both the Urban Forestry Council and the Board of Supervisors. Temporary landmark status is also afforded to nominated trees currently undergoing the public hearing process. The Department of Public Works maintains the official "Landmark Tree Book" with all designated landmark trees in San Francisco. The location and species of all such trees must be drawn on the site plans (if no plans are required for this application the trees must be drawn on the reverse side of this form).

| C | STREET TREES | Qty |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| | Are there any street trees on the public right-of-way adjacent to the property that are neither landmark trees nor significant trees? (Check which boxes apply and document quantity of each tree type.) | |

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Street trees bordering the subject property | |
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Street trees and other public trees are afforded protections even if the trees are not large enough to be protected as landmark trees.

The undersigned agrees to the conditions of this form. I understand that knowingly or negligently providing false or misleading information in response to this disclosure requirement may lead to denial or rescission of your permit and may constitute a violation of the San Francisco Public Works Code Section 8.11, which can lead to criminal and/or civil legal action and the imposition of administrative fines.

Signature: _____ Please Print: _____ Date: _____
Property Owner or Authorized Agent

If you have any questions about this form, or the information required, please contact the Planning Department for assistance at (415) 558-6377.

4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION

THE INFORMATION BELOW IS TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF ONLY

| SITE INFORMATION | TREE SUMMARY |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project Address _____ | Current number of street trees _____ |
| Block / Lot (s) _____ | Current number of other protected trees as noted herein _____ |
| Alteration type _____ | Total trees pre-project _____ |
| Planning Quadrant _____ | Total number of trees post-project _____ |

- The proposed project has been declared ☐ to not have trees subject to any protections.
(DCP STAFF: file this form in historical file.)
- ☐ to have protected trees subject to protections from construction.
(DCP STAFF: ensure that plan set includes tree protection form. After review, file this form in historical file.)
- ☐ to have protected trees planned for removal.
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| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Signature of Planner _____ | Print Name of Planner _____ | Date Signed _____ |
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5. SITE PLAN

In the absence of a formal landscape plan, use this space to show street, curb, sidewalk, driveway, structure, and all tree locations as required. Protected trees must also include accurate tree height, canopy diameter, and trunk diameter.



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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010, 8:30 A.M.

**CITY HALL, ROOM 400, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE
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Council Coordinator Hui referred to the written Budget Update Report provided by Department Acting Director Assmann (see explanatory document). Chair Milne referred to the suggestion that the Planning and Funding Committee devote time to identifying regular funding for the Council. It was suggested that Ms. Shawn Rosenmoss, Department of the Environment Grants and Fundraising Manager, be invited to attend a future Planning and Funding Committee meeting to discuss fundraising and grant opportunities. Planning and Funding Committee Chair Buck stated that he felt that the responsibility should be with the Directors of the departments who are charged by the Urban Forestry Ordinance to provide funding since

the Committee is only an advisory body, but understood the budgetary reduction issues that the City departments are facing.

6. Election of Urban Forestry Council Officers. (Discussion and Action) Coordinator Hui reported that at the March Council meeting, Chair Milne and Vice-Chair D'Agostino were nominated for Council Chair and Members Buck and Vice Chair D'Agostino were nominated for Council Vice-Chair. Vice Chair D'Agostino and Chair Milne presented their qualifications for the office of Council Chair. Committee Members discussed their reason for support of candidates. It was determined that there would not be a quorum vote for either candidate because of the number of members in attendance. Upon Motion by Member Buck, second by Member Hillan election of officers was continued to the June 22 meeting, and existing officers would remain in effect (AYES: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, Hillson, and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello, LeBeau, Rodgers and Vargas). Member Hillan urged all interested Council Members to attend the next Council meeting and asked that Council Members submit their recommendations for either candidate in writing.

7. Discussion of Amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to encompass Groups of Trees.
Sponsor/Speaker: Member Cohen (Continued from the March 26, 2010 Meeting) (Discussion)

Member Cohen presented her ideas for amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to include groups, groves, stands or series of trees to be landmarked as a whole. She stated that she would continue to work with Council Coordinator Hui and Member Hillson on revisions to Article 16, Section 802, Definitions and Section 810 about landmarking. Member Cohen stated that the process would be to finalize revisions, identify a Board of Supervisors sponsor, and request input from the Deputy City Attorney on language. Chair Milne suggested that this agenda item be discussed at the Landmark Tree Committee meeting. Continued to the Call of the Chair.

8. Proposed Changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement. The Council will vote to propose amendments to the Tree Disclosure Statement. (Explanatory Document: Proposed Changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement May 28, 2010 and Tree Disclosure Statement with proposed changes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Planning and Funding Committee Chair Buck distributed an amended version of proposed changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement recommended by the Planning and Funding Committee at their May 20th meeting. He stated that Member Rodgers provided positive preliminary feedback that the revisions may not require an Urban Forestry Council resolution or formal approval by the Planning Department and could potentially be made at the staff level. Upon Motion by Member Hillson, second by Member Hillan, the proposed changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement were approved with an amendment to capitalize "Certified Arborist" as requested by Member Cohen. Council Coordinator Hui would forward the proposed changes to Member Rodgers and provide a report back to the Council. (AYES: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, Hillson, and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello, LeBeau, Rodgers and Vargas).

9. Development and Trees. The Council will review and discuss tree disclosure and protection requirements when developing near protected trees as it relates to the tree protection zone described for Landmark and Significant trees and consider the Planning and Funding Committee's Draft Resolution of recommendations. (Discussion and Possible Action).

Chair Buck stated that in addition to the proposed revisions to the Tree Disclosure Statement, additional ideas for landmark tree protection should be discussed at the Committee level. Vice-Chair D'Agostino stated that the Tree Disclosure Statement is a good first step but that discussion on this agenda item should include additional steps about defining tree protection zones and enforcement. Chair Milne

suggested that the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) be invited to attend a future Council meeting to address comments and questions. This agenda item was forwarded to the Planning and Funding Committee for further discussion and continued to a future Council meeting for a discussion with the Department of Building Inspection.

- 10. Greening of Lots where Development is on Hold.** The Council will discuss and vote on the Planning and Funding Committee's proposed Resolution making recommendations (Discussion and Possible Action).

Council Member Buck requested that this agenda item be forwarded back to the Planning and Funding Committee to work on language to bring back to the full Council. He reported that the Planning and Funding Committee agreed that it would be okay to encourage or support this type of use on some of these sites so they are not neglected, and that the mission of the Council could be emphasized. This agenda item was forwarded back to the Planning and Funding Committee to work on a Resolution of support.

- 11. The Potential Effects on the Quality and Funding for the Urban Forest if Tree Maintenance were to be relinquished to Private Property Owners.** (Discussion)

Member Buck stated that many City agencies are looking at ways to reduce their budgets. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Director is reviewing how the department can deliver its current services with reduced staffing. This proposal has been before the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee and discussions have been limited to higher-up management at this point. DPW's Urban Forester has been asked to review how tree relinquishment would work. Member Buck stated that he would provide an additional report as it becomes available.

- 12. Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Explanatory Document: Staff Report) (Informational Report and Discussion)

Council Coordinator Hui provided a staff report on the status of landmark tree hearings for 2040 Sutter Street, meetings with the Planning Department on the Recreation and Open Space Element and the Recreation and Park Department on the Urban Forestry Management Plan; finalizing San Francisco Urban Gleaning project agreements, San Francisco Tree Map launch, Environment Now urban forest team, Education (annual Pruning Workshop on June 4), and Climate Action Planning for new urban forest project protocols (see explanatory document for additional information). Discussion followed.

- 13. Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report

Committee reports were issued during the course of the meeting. This agenda item was not heard at this time.

- 14. Chair's Announcements:** Terry Milne, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)

Council Chair Milne stated that Supervisor Mar was planning on introducing the Urban Forestry Council's Pine Pitch Canker Resolution to the Board and asked the Council Coordinator to send an electronic version of the Resolution to Supervisor Mar's aide. Council Chair Milne announced that he would be absent for the June 22 Council meeting. He announced that the Deputy City Attorney advised that any

number of Council members may be able to attend Committee meetings as long as they do not represent themselves as a Council member and are present as a member of the public.

15. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information and Discussion). Member Sherk inquired whether elections can be held without Chair Milne present. Council Coordinator Hui reported that she would consult with legal counsel. Vice Chair D'Agostino would consult with the Council Coordinator on a potential future agenda item. It was announced that Public Utilities Representative Mark Sustarich has resigned his seat and there has been no replacement made at this time.

16. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. There was no public present at this time.

17. Adjournment. The Urban Forestry Council meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Copies of explanatory documents are available to the public at the Department of Environment, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, California between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., upon request to the Council Secretary at the above address or telephone number 415-355-3709 or via e-mail at Monica.Fish@Sfgov.org. Explanatory documents are also available at the Council's meeting or agenda website <https://sites.google.com/a/sfenvironment.org/commission/urban-forestry-council/2010-meetings> as attachments with each agenda or meeting minutes.

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Respectfully submitted by Mei Ling Hui, Council Coordinator

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5. **Urban Forestry Council Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Update.** Written Report by David Assmann, Acting Director (Continued from the February 23, 2010 Meeting) (Information and Discussion). (Explanatory Document: May 19, 2010 Memo to the Urban Forestry Council re Urban Forest Program Budget)

Council Coordinator Hui referred to the written Budget Update Report provided by Department Acting Director Assmann (see explanatory document). Chair Milne referred to the suggestion that the Planning and Funding Committee devote time to identifying regular funding for the Council. It was suggested that Ms. Shawn Rosenmoss, Department of the Environment Grants and Fundraising Manager, be invited to attend a future Planning and Funding Committee meeting to discuss fundraising and grant opportunities. Planning and Funding Committee Chair Buck stated that he felt that the responsibility should be with the Directors of the departments who are charged by the Urban Forestry Ordinance to provide funding since

the Committee is only an advisory body, but understood the budgetary reduction issues that the City departments are facing.

6. **Election of Urban Forestry Council Officers.** (Discussion and Action) Coordinator Hui reported that at the March Council meeting, Chair Milne and Vice-Chair D'Agostino were nominated for Council Chair and Members Buck and Vice Chair D'Agostino were nominated for Council Vice-Chair. Vice Chair D'Agostino and Chair Milne presented their qualifications for the office of Council Chair. Committee Members discussed their reason for support of candidates. It was determined that there would not be a quorum vote for either candidate because of the number of members in attendance. Upon Motion by Member Buck, second by Member Hillan election of officers was continued to the June 22 meeting, and existing officers would remain in effect (AYES: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, Hillson, and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello, LeBeau, Rodgers and Vargas). Member Hillan urged all interested Council Members to attend the next Council meeting and asked that Council Members submit their recommendations for either candidate in writing.

7. **Discussion of Amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to encompass Groups of Trees.**
Sponsor/Speaker: Member Cohen (Continued from the March 26, 2010 Meeting) (Discussion)

Member Cohen presented her ideas for amending the Landmark Tree Ordinance to include groups, groves, stands or series of trees to be landmarked as a whole. She stated that she would continue to work with Council Coordinator Hui and Member Hillson on revisions to Article 16, Section 802, Definitions and Section 810 about landmarking. Member Cohen stated that the process would be to finalize revisions, identify a Board of Supervisors sponsor, and request input from the Deputy City Attorney on language. Chair Milne suggested that this agenda item be discussed at the Landmark Tree Committee meeting. Continued to the Call of the Chair.

8. **Proposed Changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement.** The Council will vote to propose amendments to the Tree Disclosure Statement. (Explanatory Document: Proposed Changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement May 28, 2010 and Tree Disclosure Statement with proposed changes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Planning and Funding Committee Chair Buck distributed an amended version of proposed changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement recommended by the Planning and Funding Committee at their May 20th meeting. He stated that Member Rodgers provided positive preliminary feedback that the revisions may not require an Urban Forestry Council resolution or formal approval by the Planning Department and could potentially be made at the staff level. Upon Motion by Member Hillson, second by Member Hillan, the proposed changes to the Tree Disclosure Statement were approved with an amendment to capitalize "Certified Arborist" as requested by Member Cohen. Council Coordinator Hui would forward the proposed changes to Member Rodgers and provide a report back to the Council. (AYES: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, Hillson, and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello, LeBeau, Rodgers and Vargas).

9. **Development and Trees.** The Council will review and discuss tree disclosure and protection requirements when developing near protected trees as it relates to the tree protection zone described for Landmark and Significant trees and consider the Planning and Funding Committee's Draft Resolution of recommendations. (Discussion and Possible Action).

Chair Buck stated that in addition to the proposed revisions to the Tree Disclosure Statement, additional ideas for landmark tree protection should be discussed at the Committee level. Vice-Chair D'Agostino stated that the Tree Disclosure Statement is a good first step but that discussion on this agenda item should include additional steps about defining tree protection zones and enforcement. Chair Milne

suggested that the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) be invited to attend a future Council meeting to address comments and questions. This agenda item was forwarded to the Planning and Funding Committee for further discussion and continued to a future Council meeting for a discussion with the Department of Building Inspection.

- 10. Greening of Lots where Development is on Hold.** The Council will discuss and vote on the Planning and Funding Committee's proposed Resolution making recommendations (Discussion and Possible Action).

Council Member Buck requested that this agenda item be forwarded back to the Planning and Funding Committee to work on language to bring back to the full Council. He reported that the Planning and Funding Committee agreed that it would be okay to encourage or support this type of use on some of these sites so they are not neglected, and that the mission of the Council could be emphasized. This agenda item was forwarded back to the Planning and Funding Committee to work on a Resolution of support.

- 11. The Potential Effects on the Quality and Funding for the Urban Forest if Tree Maintenance were to be relinquished to Private Property Owners.** (Discussion)

Member Buck stated that many City agencies are looking at ways to reduce their budgets. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Director is reviewing how the department can deliver its current services with reduced staffing. This proposal has been before the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee and discussions have been limited to higher-up management at this point. DPW's Urban Forester has been asked to review how tree relinquishment would work. Member Buck stated that he would provide an additional report as it becomes available.

- 12. Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Explanatory Document: Staff Report) (Informational Report and Discussion)

Council Coordinator Hui provided a staff report on the status of landmark tree hearings for 2040 Sutter Street, meetings with the Planning Department on the Recreation and Open Space Element and the Recreation and Park Department on the Urban Forestry Management Plan; finalizing San Francisco Urban Gleaning project agreements, San Francisco Tree Map launch, Environment Now urban forest team, Education (annual Pruning Workshop on June 4), and Climate Action Planning for new urban forest project protocols (see explanatory document for additional information). Discussion followed.

- 13. Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report

Committee reports were issued during the course of the meeting. This agenda item was not heard at this time.

- 14. Chair's Announcements:** Terry Milne, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)

Council Chair Milne stated that Supervisor Mar was planning on introducing the Urban Forestry Council's Pine Pitch Canker Resolution to the Board and asked the Council Coordinator to send an electronic version of the Resolution to Supervisor Mar's aide. Council Chair Milne announced that he would be absent for the June 22 Council meeting. He announced that the Deputy City Attorney advised that any

number of Council members may be able to attend Committee meetings as long as they do not represent themselves as a Council member and are present as a member of the public.

15. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information and Discussion). Member Sherk inquired whether elections can be held without Chair Milne present. Council Coordinator Hui reported that she would consult with legal counsel. Vice Chair D'Agostino would consult with the Council Coordinator on a potential future agenda item. It was announced that Public Utilities Representative Mark Sustarich has resigned his seat and there has been no replacement made at this time.

16. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. There was no public present at this time.

17. Adjournment. The Urban Forestry Council meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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- 4. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 5. Adjournment.**

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5. Adjournment. The Urban Forestry Council Retreat meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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Comments in red are added because the group seemed to agree on these additions. There was some discussion about 'ecological' but we couldn't seem to agree how or even if this idea belongs here...

Terri had a version (could it be inserted here?)

Obstacles to Success

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| Diverse goals (on multiple levels) | 4 |
| People have different opinions/competitive ideas | 5 |
| No consequences for violating ordinances & policies | 8 |
| Time pressure | 7 |
| Money | 7 |
| Fragmented vision of Urban Forest | 5 |
| Lack support | 4 |
| Maintenance issues (improper/topping) not planned | 3 |
| Land use issues | 2 |
| Communication | 2 |
| Cultural traditions – orientation – values | 1 |
| Conflict between trees and infrastructure | 1 |
| Partnering | 1 |
| Conversionists (take out trees, plant grass) | 1 |
| Water – non renewable resource – often wasted | 1 |
| Complexity | |
| Competition between entities | |

Working Issues

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|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Diverse and competitive goals |
| No consequences for violating ordinances & policies |
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| Money |
| Fragmented vision of Urban Forest |

How to approach an obstacle

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| Build our credibility and influence key decision makers | 7 |
| Need to increase visibility and communication | 4 |
| Educating public | 3 |
| Activating/empowering citizen groups | 3 |
| More forceful expertise from council members | 2 |
| Persevere – Ask for help | 1 |
| Focus on quantitative data (#s and \$s) to be persuasive | 1 |
| Bring models from other cities to decision makers | |

Next Steps

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| Type up meeting notes |
| Small group will meet to flush/flesh out goals/ Prepare summary for full council |
| Send to Planning and Funding committee to clean up/edit for reporting to full council |



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URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL SPECIAL RETREAT MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
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Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui

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Order of Business

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The Urban Forestry Council Retreat Meeting convened at 9:13 a.m. Present: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Council Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, LeBeau, Nervo and Sherk; Excused: Members Costello, Rodgers and Vargas. Urban Forestry Council Coordinator Mei Ling Hui and Department of Human Resources Meeting Facilitator Teri Jourgensen were present for this meeting.
2. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. Ms. Nancy Wuerfel, member of the Parks Recreation and Open Space Committee, reported on Recreation and Park Department bond funding directed to HORT Science to prepare a Tree Management Plan for all park trees and a study of hazardous trees. Ms. Wuerfel encouraged an integrated system of urban forest management for San Francisco because she is unhappy with the turf situations between City departments that have jurisdiction over trees. She discussed the need for a citywide definition of "urban forest" and "trees" and an Urban Forest Plan that achieves preservation and enhancement of the urban forest. She offered her support as a member of the Parks Recreation and Open Space Committee to work in unison with the Council on continued efforts.



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3. Review of Previous Strategic Planning Session Including Refining Purpose Statement and Identifying and Prioritizing Possible Action Items for Future Work. SPEAKER: Teri Jourgensen, Training Officer, Department of Human Resources (Discussion and Possible Action)

Explanatory Documents: November Retreat Meeting Minutes, Facilitator Notes from November 2009 Strategic Planning Retreat, 2008 Council Work Plans, November 20, 2009 Minutes, and Member D'Agostino's Retreat Notes.

Council members reviewed notes from the previous Strategic Planning Retreat held in November 2009. Members discussed the importance of identifying the clients that the Council serves, who it is supported by, refining the draft purpose statement, and prioritizing possible action items for future work. Key topics of discussion included (1) funding responsibility for the Council Coordinator position and historical and current allocation of staff time as well as the need to identify a source of funding for a full-time position; (2) identifying new streams of revenue for urban forestry; (3) goals outlined in the Bylaws and obstacles to achievement; (4) the need to communicate the importance of the Council to other City departments; and (5) development of a plan for integration and coordination of urban forest efforts citywide.

Council members with facilitation by Ms. Jourgensen refined the draft purpose statement created at the November 2009 retreat, discussed what they felt were obstacles to success, how to approach obstacles, working issues, and next steps (Explanatory Document: Vice-Chair D'Agostino's Draft Notes).

Public Comment: Ms. Nancy Wuerfel referred to the April 2006 Urban Forest Plan that states that the number one priority is to maintain and conserve the urban forest and suggested that the Council's purpose statement include this reference. The wording the Council selected was as follows "The Urban Forest Council brings professional expertise and informed perspective to a public forum with the purpose of protecting and enhancing (expanding and maintaining) the Urban Forest of San Francisco." Ms. Wuerfel disagreed with the statement that states that the Council is supposed to drive their organization's economic model because she does not feel that the Council's purpose is to earn money. She stated that this is something that needs to happen but not through the Council. She stated that Council members should seek the help of the Board of Supervisors who created the Council to secure the funding and support required to carry out provisions of the enabling legislation.

Next steps would be for a small group of Council Members to meet before the next Planning and Funding Committee meeting to clarify goals and specific actions to take. The Planning



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Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui **Commission Secretary:** Monica Fish

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Order of Business**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of the May 28, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting and June 2, 2010 Retreat Minutes.** (Explanatory Documents: May 28 and June 2, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 4. Election of Urban Forestry Council Officers. (Continued from the May 28, 2010 Meeting)** (Discussion and Action)
- 5. San Francisco Recreation & Park Department Draft Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations.** (Explanatory Document: Recreation and Park Department Draft Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations) (Informational Report and Discussion)
- 6. Approval of the Annual Urban Forest Report Survey.** Council Members will review and update the Annual Urban Forest Report Survey. (Explanatory Document: Draft Annual Urban Forest Report Survey) Speaker: Mei Ling Hui, Council Coordinator (Discussion and Action)
- 7. Resolution commending Mark Sustarich, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission representative, for his service to the Urban Forestry Council.** (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution File 2010-06-UFC) (Discussion and Action)

8. **Greening of Lots where Development is on Hold.** The Council will discuss and vote on the Planning and Funding Committee's proposed Resolution making recommendations. (Continued from the May 28, 2010 Meeting) (Discussion and Possible Action)
9. **Urban Forest Map.** Urban Forest Map Developer, Council Member Vargas, will provide an informational presentation on the map to the Council. Speaker: Council Member Kelaine Vargas. (Informational Presentation and Discussion)
10. **Urban Forestry Council June 2 Strategic Planning Retreat Outcomes and Next Steps.** (Explanatory Document: June 2, 2010 Draft Minutes and Member D'Agostino's Retreat Notes) (Discussion)
11. **Urban Forestry Council Budget Review and Planning.** The Council will hear a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee on the currently allocated Urban Forestry budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. (Informational Report and Discussion)
12. **Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Informational Report and Discussion) (Explanatory Document: Staff Report)
13. **Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)
 - Planning & Funding Committee
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.
 - Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report
14. **Chair's Announcements:** Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)
15. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion).
16. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
17. **Adjournment.**

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, July 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400, City Hall.

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Capital Improvement Program

Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations

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Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations
Recreation and Park Department
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Executive Summary

San Francisco lacks native forest. As a result, most of the trees in the City's large parks were planted, during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The precise number of trees within the Department's responsibility is not known. The 1993 census found approximately 27,000 trees in Golden Gate Park. The Significant Natural Areas Management Plan estimates there to be 64,000 trees in the 868 acres of natural areas. We estimate there are 67,000 trees in the 2,389 acres outside of the Natural Areas, for a total of 131,000 trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco.

The Department's Urban Forestry program is responsible for tree management, from pruning and tree removal to replanting. The program consists of thirty (30) full-time equivalent staff with a budget of \$3.5 million. The staff is divided between tree maintenance (16 full-time equivalent positions) and reforestation (13 full-time equivalent positions) with one supervisor. Approximately 500 trees in Golden Gate Park and 750 trees in other properties are treated by the Department each year, putting the maintenance cycle for all trees at over 50 years.

Routine tree care includes pruning, removal, clean-up and inspection. Virtually all tree care activity is request-driven. There is little programmed tree maintenance. We recommend that over time the Department consider moving from a purely reactive mode of action to one where 50% of tree care is programmed.

The Department's planting program has been successful in Golden Gate Park. In the Parks and Squares, planting of new trees has not kept pace with removal. No new trees have been planted by Urban Forestry on the golf courses.

The 2008 Clean and Green Park Bond provided funding for the Department to address tree hazards. Areas to receive treatment were prioritized by evaluating both the tree condition at each park property and the use and occupancy of park facilities. Eighteen (18) properties were identified as having the highest priority. An assessment protocol has been developed.

Sustaining the urban forest located on Recreation and Park Department properties will require intensive planting of both native and non-native species. There is a need to develop tree management plans for individual properties, plans that will assess existing tree composition and structure, and recommend a program of new planting.

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Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations

Recreation and Park Department

San Francisco CA

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Introduction and Overview

The Recreation and Park Department manages over 200 properties located within the City limits. Together these properties comprise more than 3,000 acres. In addition, the Recreation and Park Department manages two properties located outside San Francisco's city limits: Sharp Park in Pacifica and Camp Mather in Groveland. Park properties range in size from over 1,000 acres to several thousand square feet.

The Recreation and Park Department is responsible for managing trees located on its properties. With few exceptions, trees are an integral part of the landscape of parks, squares and other Recreation and Park Department properties. A wide range of species and planting conditions create tremendous diversity, from large specimen trees to dense forest-like groves. Recreation and Park Department properties may be described in the following manner:

- **Mini-parks** are less than one acre in size. Facilities are generally limited to benches and tables. Trees are generally few in number, and are small to medium in size when mature. Mini-parks tend to be recent in origin.
- **Playgrounds and recreation centers** provide a range of recreational facilities, with sports fields and tennis courts. Average size is approximately 5 acres. Many playgrounds have recreation center associated with them. As a result, trees are generally moderate in number, located on the periphery of the facility.
- **Open space** areas are relatively small (averaging about 1.5 acres) areas of undeveloped land. As a rule, there are few trees on these properties.
- **Parks, squares and plazas** average 5 acres in size. Included in this group, however, are properties such as McClaren and Lincoln Parks, both of which are over 100 acres. Parks, squares and plazas contain a diverse range of facilities but always have significant areas of lawn and landscape. In some properties, tree cover is extensive.
- **Golden Gate Park** is unique among Recreation and Park Department properties. At 1,032 acres, it is the largest park in San Francisco. There are extensive landscape plantings as well as large areas of woodland.

The actual number of trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco is unknown. The Significant Natural Resources Areas Management Plan (2006) estimates that 64,000 trees are located in the 868 acres of designated natural areas of park properties within the City limits. There are 2,389 acres of Recreation and Park Department property in San Francisco that are not included in the Natural Areas Program. We estimate there to be 67,000 trees on these lands (Appendix C), yielding a total of 131,000 trees on Recreation and Park Department properties located in San Francisco. This total does not include either Sharp Park or Camp Mather.

In 2009, the Recreation and Park Department contracted with HortScience, Inc. to develop an **Assessment of Urban Forestry Operations**. The Department was interested in having "a set of recommendations for the healthy and sustainable long-term management of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department's unique urban forest." Rather than being property-specific, the Department sought an overview of tree management on a city-wide basis.

This document addresses the Recreation and Park Department's interest by providing the following information:

- The operational context for the Department's tree management activities.
- A tree risk management policy and description of a risk assessment and abatement program.
- Recommendations for moving from a reactive program of care to a programmed approach.
- The importance of planting to sustaining the urban forest located on Recreation and Park Department properties.

Primary sources of information used in preparing this assessment were: 1) review of Recreation and Park Department records, 2) interviews with Urban Forestry staff and 3) site visits. A list of staff who were consulted is included in Appendix A. Urban foresters and professionals in related disciplines were consulted.

Project outreach included meetings with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee, the Urban Forestry Council and other stakeholders such as Neighborhood Parks Council and San Francisco Parks Trust (see Appendix A).

The Origin of San Francisco's Urban Forest

"Trees were probably never a conspicuous feature in the San Francisco landscape, but in the earliest days small trees of several kinds were found on the hills and summits." Howell, Raven and Rubtsoff, 1958.

No forest covered San Francisco prior to the arrival of the Spanish in the 1760s. Instead the City was covered with grassland, coastal scrub and bare sand dunes. The area of Golden Gate Park was described as a "great sand waste." Trees were present along creeks and in protected locations. In general, trees were a very minor part of the vegetation cover. Few species were present and overall tree canopy cover was low. Unlike other cities, there was no native forest upon which to build.

San Francisco's urban forest came into being in the late 1800s when intense programs of afforestation (tree planting) were initiated. The basic structure of vegetation in the City's large parks was created "over a 30 year period beginning in the 1880s" (McBride and Froehlich). Large parks include Golden Gate, McLaren, Stern Grove, Twin Peaks and Mountain Lake.

Although numerous tree species were planted, the City's urban forest has come to be dominated by just a few, notably Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*), Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and blue gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*). They noted that pine and cypress were not regenerating while blue gum was regenerating from root sprouts. McBride and Froehlich also noted that half of the Monterey pine and eucalyptus trees, and one-third of the Monterey cypress trees, in older stands were in poor condition.

In summary, the urban forest managed by the Recreation and Park Department is almost entirely artificial, created by planting thousands of trees using species not native to San Francisco. Regeneration of this forest occurs largely in eucalyptus stands and not in pine or cypress groves.

It is clear that without a commitment to reforestation, the current forest cover managed by the Department cannot be sustained.

The Operational Context for Tree Management in the Recreation and Park Department

Tree management is the responsibility of the Recreation and Park Department's operations division. The Urban Forestry Section provides tree care activities to all Department properties from mini-parks to squares to golf courses to Golden Gate Park and Camp Mather. The Urban Forestry Section is responsible for planting and early care, pruning, removal, debris disposal and any other tree care activity. Because of its specialized equipment, Urban Forestry also supports other Departmental maintenance activities.

Guiding Documents

Because the forest areas of Golden Gate Park are artificial in origin, no natural regeneration has occurred. To address the long-term future of the forest areas of the park, the Golden Gate Forest Management Plan was developed in 1980. The Plan analyzed the composition and structure of the forest areas, finding that it was even-aged and generally mature. Forest areas were defined as "groupings of trees greater than 0.5 acres" in size. These comprised 623.5 acres, about 62% of the Park's 1,013 acres. Forested areas were concentrated in the western side of the Park. The Plan estimated that 33,342 trees were present.

In order to sustain forest cover, the Plan recommended a program of reforestation. The Plan envisioned a reforestation program that would move from even-aged to an uneven-aged where a range of tree age and size would be present. The Plan recommended a 25 year rotation. Over that period of time, all of the forest stands would be replanted. The Forest Management Plan does not discuss tree care activities such as pruning and removal. It is focused solely on reforestation.

Other than Golden Gate Park, few management plans have been prepared for Recreation and Park Department properties. A vegetation management plan for Mountain Lake Park was prepared by Joe McBride and Denise Lobel (University of California, Berkeley) in 1980.

HortScience, Inc has prepared specific Tree Management Plans for Washington Square Park, the Japanese Tea Garden at Golden Gate Park, and Pioneer Park. We are not aware of similar large scale forest management plans for other Recreation and Park Department properties.

Natural Areas Program

In 2006 a Management Plan for the Department's Significant Natural Resources Areas was created. The Plan recognized that remnants of pre-settlement vegetation were present within Recreation and Park Department properties. The Department set a goal to "preserve, restore and enhance" approximately 868 acres in 31 locations in San Francisco. The Department's Natural Areas Program developed the Plan which prioritized the locations for conservation and management activities.

When discussing trees, the Significant Natural Resources Areas Plan points out that most of the species present in parks are non-native and invasive.

The recommendations within the Significant Natural Resources Areas Management Plan are now undergoing environmental review. This includes recommendations to transform designated natural areas to their pre-settlement vegetation over time. For the most part, restoration will involve some tree removal. The Plan also includes preservation and diversification of many of the Recreation and Park Department's areas of urban forest.

Urban Forestry Staff and Budget

For fiscal 2009 – 2010, Urban Forestry program had a budget of \$3.5 million with 30 full-time-equivalent positions divided between tree maintenance (16 full-time equivalent staff) and reforestation (13 full-time equivalent staff) with a program supervisor.

- **Tree crews**

Perform tree care activities such pruning, removal, and stump grinding.

- ❖ Golden Gate Park. 4 staff.
- ❖ Parks and Squares (all properties except Golden Gate Park and golf courses). 5 staff.
- ❖ Golf courses. 4 staff.
- ❖ Contract. 3 staff. Work on a contract basis for other City departments.

- **Reforestation**

Perform site preparation, tree planting, watering, staking, weed management, pruning, and thinning of young reforestation stands.

- ❖ Golden Gate Park. 8 staff.
- ❖ Parks and Squares. 5 staff.

The Department has 13 staff involved in tree care activities including pruning and removal at Recreation and Park Department properties. Based on recent work records, crews at Golden Gate Park address (prune and remove) about 470 trees per year while crews at other properties (including the golf courses) prune and remove approximately 760 trees per year. Assuming 27,192 trees in Golden Gate Park, it would take the crew 54 years to complete one cycle of tree care. For Parks, Squares and golf courses, the cycle length is 49 years.

The Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry manages approximately 40,000 trees along San Francisco's major streets. Their goal is to maintain a 7 year maintenance cycle, although recent budget reductions have probably extended the cycle to 10 years. This is the average, as some locations receive more frequent maintenance and others, less.

There is no standard tree care cycle for trees in parks. Neither Vancouver Canada nor Portland OR has a systematic pruning cycle for park trees. In Seattle WA, the Parks Department has a goal of addressing park trees every 18 years. Current operations, however, result in a 40 year maintenance cycle. The Prospect Park Conservancy in Brooklyn NY manages 12,000 landscape trees with a goal of a 5 year maintenance cycle.

Trees along streets and near power lines require more frequent pruning, particularly to provide clearance. A typical municipality addresses its street trees on 5 to 10 year cycle. The San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry aims for a 5 year tree maintenance cycle but is currently operating on a 10 year cycle. Most utilities in California inspect trees in proximity to energized conductors on an annual basis.

At present, the Urban Forestry program is able to address only a small fraction of trees located on Recreation and Park Department properties. The Department's budgetary situation has been a source of concern for many years, extending beyond tree management into all areas of the Recreation and Park Department's responsibility. The Golden Gate Park Forest Management Plan (1980) noted that the "tree maintenance crews, though very dedicated, are understaffed." The history of budget reductions has been long. In fiscal year 2004 – 2005, Urban Forestry's budget was \$3.2 million with 36 full-time equivalent staff. While the current budget is slightly higher, the number of staff has decreased from 36 to 30.

For the 2010-11 fiscal year, the Recreation and Park Department must reduce its budget by an additional 20% - 30%. Examples of impact of such reductions on operations abound. At the current time, trees receive maintenance once every 50 years. Budget reductions will only make this situation worse. A similar situation exists with reforestation. There is no planting at golf course. Planting at parks and squares does not replace losses due to removal. The reforestation in Golden Gate Park operates on a 35 year cycle instead of the 25 to 30-year cycle recommended in its Forest Management Plan. Department-wide, tree care activities are provided on a request-basis only. There is little or no program of routine care.

Tree Care Activity

Over the past 3 years, Urban Forestry staff pruned 882 trees per year, removed 380 and planted 1,180 (Table 1, following page). In general, the number of trees pruned in Golden Gate Park, the golf courses, and other properties (i.e., parks and squares) was similar. Approximately 40% of all tree removals took place in Golden Gate Park.

Over 90% of all trees planted by the Recreation and Park Department in the last 3 years were installed in Golden Gate Park, part of the property's reforestation program. Since the mid-1980s, a number of small blocks located in the Park's forested areas have replanted. There are approximately 600 acres of "forest" in Golden Gate Park, located on the west side of the property.

Reforestation staff work with gardeners to identify a suitable location for reforestation and select the species for planting. Installed plants are seedling size. From that point, the reforestation process consists of preparing the site, establishing irrigation, planting and replanting, thinning and pruning. Over time, less vigorous and structurally unsound trees are removed from the reforestation plots. Such thinning provides the remaining trees with more room to grow and develop.

Trees planted during the 1980s are now mature in size and form, having grown 1' to 2' per year in height and 1' in trunk diameter.

Over the last three years, seven trees were planted in Golden Gate Park for every tree removed (3202 planted vs. 435 removed). Not all trees survive establishment to become mature specimens but the result has been replacement of older pines and eucalyptus with younger, more vigorous material. The reforestation program Golden Gate Park has made significant strides towards establishing the next generation of trees in the forested areas.

Table 1. Tree care activities. Urban Forestry program. San Francisco Recreation & Park Department.

| Activity & Location | 2007 | Year 2008 | 2009 | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| <i>Trees pruned</i> | | | | |
| Golden Gate Park | 304 | 362 | 311 | |
| Parks & Squares | 285 | 307 | 242 | |
| Golf course | 231 | 340 | 263 | |
| Total | 820 | 1009 | 816 | 2645 |
| <i>Trees removed</i> | | | | |
| Golden Gate Park | 146 | 183 | 106 | |
| Parks & Squares | 124 | 110 | 130 | |
| Golf course | 73 | 83 | 97 | |
| Total | 343 | 376 | 420 | 1139 |
| <i>Trees planted</i> | | | | |
| Golden Gate Park | 1367 | 965 | 870 | |
| Parks & Squares | 105 | 115 | 120 | |
| Golf course | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 1472 | 1080 | 990 | 3542 |

Notes:

Source: Recreation and Park Department urban forestry work records
 No data was available for August 2007

Reforestation at the Recreation and Park Department's Parks and Squares also involves Urban Forestry reforestation and gardening staff who jointly decide which species to install in a particular location. Planting stock is generally small container size. Planting rates for parks and squares has not kept up with removals (364 trees removed vs. 302 planted). Some new trees will die, be stolen or vandalized, or simply not perform. Based solely on the number of trees planted, there will be less tree cover in the future than at present. The number of trees planted at Parks and Squares does not include those added to the properties as part of capital projects.

The situation is more extreme on the golf courses where over 200 trees were removed without any additional planting by Recreation and Park Department staff. Should this trend continue, there will be fewer and fewer trees at these properties.

Tree care activities are scheduled based on service requests. Within the Recreation and Park Department, such requests are made through the City's asset management program, TMA. Gardening staff make most of the service requests for tree care activity. Requests from the general public are made through the City's service inquiry program, 311.

Neither TMA nor 311 are tree-specific. TMA is a general program, encompassing a wide range of maintenance activity. While there is a code for tree work, the specifics are placed in the "comment" section. For this reason, work requests almost always require a site inspection by the Urban Forestry staff before work can be scheduled. The same is true for 311, which is even more general in nature.

We analyzed 1,330 TMA-based work requests to urban forestry over the period 2005 to 2009 (Table 2). We categorized the requested action as:

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| ▪ Pruning (716 requests). | Remove branches. |
| ▪ Removal (308). | Take down tree. |
| ▪ Clean-up (150). | Tree material is on the ground, and needs to be chipped, cut-up and removed. |
| ▪ Inspection (73) | Tree needs to visually assessed, commonly because of health and structural stability. |
| ▪ Not tree related (45). | Requests to use tree-equipment such as aerial lifts for non-tree tasks such as replacing light-bulbs. |
| ▪ Planting (22). | Install new trees. |
| ▪ Staking (7). | Newly planted trees need to have maintenance on support stakes. |
| ▪ Miscellaneous (9). | |

We categorized the reason for the request action as:

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| ▪ Hanger (434 requests). | Branch is broken but hanging in the tree crown. |
| ▪ Failure potential (155). | Tree has structural defects that might lead to failure. |
| ▪ Clearance (145). | Low-hanging branches require removal. |
| ▪ Dead (131). | Tree is dead. |
| ▪ Failed tree (105). | Tree failed, needs to be removed. |
| ▪ Failed branch (45). | Branch failed, needs to be removed. |
| ▪ No reason specified (80). | |
| ▪ Brush (31). | Tree material is on ground and requires clean-up. |
| ▪ Thinning (29). | Either tree needs branches removed or group of trees requires removal of individuals. |
| ▪ Cleaning (23). | Tree requires pruning to remove dead, dying, diseased and otherwise structurally unsound branches. |
| ▪ Health (25). | Tree requires pruning or removal due to poor health. |
| ▪ Miscellaneous (25). | |
| ▪ Other (102). | |

Among Recreation and Park Department properties, Golden Gate Park had the most TMA requests 465 (35% of the total). Other properties frequently requesting tree care were Lake Merced (114, 9%), Sharp Park (43, 3%) and Park Presidio Blvd. (36, 3%). All other properties had 35 or fewer TMA requests.

Staff noted several challenges to effective application of both TMA and 311 as work order systems. First, location information is very general, frequently leading to an inability to find the tree for which action is requested. Second, the action requested is also general in terms of tree number, urgency and specificity of maintenance task needed.

Table 2. Detailed for tree-related TMA work requests (2005 to 2009). Recreation and Park Department. San Francisco CA.

| Requested Action | Hanger | Failure potential | Clearance | Dead | Failed tree | Reason for request | | | | Thinning | Cleaning | Health | Misc. | Other | Total |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|----|----------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | | Failed branch | No reason | Brush | | | | | | | |
| Clean-up | -- | -- | -- | -- | 77 | 42 | -- | 31 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 150 |
| Inspection | -- | 53 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 14 | -- | -- | 73 |
| Miscellaneous | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7 | 9 |
| Not tree related | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 45 | 45 |
| Planting | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 22 | 22 |
| Pruning | 434 | 21 | 138 | -- | -- | 3 | 48 | -- | 24 | 23 | -- | 4 | 21 | 21 | 716 |
| Removal | -- | 81 | 7 | 131 | 28 | -- | 30 | -- | 5 | -- | 19 | 7 | -- | -- | 308 |
| Staking | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7 | 7 |
| Total | 434 | 155 | 145 | 131 | 105 | 45 | 80 | 31 | 29 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 102 | | 1330 |

Source: TMA work requests.

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Wood waste management

Activities of the Urban Forestry program generate significant amounts of green waste, in three general forms: logs, ground woody debris, and chips. Ground woody debris is separated into organic matter and chips. Logs and chips are hauled off-site. The organic fraction is composted, then provided to gardening staff as a soil amendment. Recreation and Park Department staff estimates that over 50% of green waste is re-used by the Department.

Relationship with other Departments and Interest Groups

The Recreation and Park Department interacts with a number of other City Departments and Agencies with respect to tree management activities:

- **Department of Public Works (DPW).** The Department's Bureau of Urban Forestry "coordinates management of street trees and landscaped medians." The Bureau is also responsible for sidewalk repairs and installing curb ramps. Under the City's Public Works Code, the Bureau treats some trees within 10' of the street right-of-way as street trees. In addition, the Bureau maintains the list of designated Landmark trees.
- **Other Departments and Agencies,** such as the San Francisco Unified School District, may contract with Recreation and Park Department tree crews to provide tree care services.
- **Parks Recreation and Open Space Advisory Council (PROSAC).** An advisory group composed of citizens appointed by the Mayor and Supervisors. Members from Supervisory Districts act as liaison to the Recreation and Parks Commission.
- **Neighborhood Parks Council.** A non-profit citizen's group representing the interests of park users. The Council's Mission statement is, "Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) advocates for a superior, equitable and sustainable park and recreation system. NPC provides leadership and support to park users through community-driven stewardship, education, planning and research."
- **San Francisco Parks Trust.** A non-profit citizen's groups supporting Department programs. The Parks Trust is "dedicated to providing leadership and support for San Francisco parks, recreation centers, and open spaces" (from the Trust's website).
- **San Francisco Urban Forestry Council** (convened by the Department of the Environment) "advises city departments, including the Board of Supervisors and the mayor. Its tasks are to develop a comprehensive urban forest plan; educate the public; develop tree-care standards; identify funding needs, staffing needs, and opportunities for urban forest programs; secure adequate resources for urban forest programs; facilitate coordination of tree-management responsibilities among agencies; and report on the state of the urban forest" (from the Council's website). Membership includes representatives of the public and City Departments involved in tree and forest management.
- **Other interested groups affiliated with specific properties or tree-related environmental issues such as** Friends of Washington Square, the Audubon, and the Pioneer Park project.

Reactive vs. Programmed Tree Management

Tree management within the Recreation and Park Department is organized on a reactive basis. Gardeners and other Departmental staff use TMA to request tree care activities. The City's 311 system operates in a similar manner for the general public. At the current time, the Urban Forestry staff operates under a back-log of some 450 requests from Golden Gate Park, the Parks and Squares, and golf courses.

This style of tree management is known as reactive, in that the Department reacts to requests from others to provide tree care services. It is a common style of management.

An alternative approach is programmed tree care, where all of the trees under the Department's management are treated in a systematic manner. In the best situation, a programmed approach would inspect and provide needed treatment to every tree over a fixed period of time, known as the pruning or maintenance cycle.

Programmed tree care offers three significant advantages over reactive pruning. First, it uses resources more efficiently. Instead of moving from one job site to another, the tree crew can focus on a number of trees in one location. Second, programmed tree care puts the burden of inspection in the hands of professional arborists. Under the current, reactive system, gardeners, the public and others not trained in tree care, make the bulk of the requests. Third, every tree gets attention in a programmed system where reactive care targets only trees that come to someone's attention. This permits trees to receive routine care, addressing potential problems while they are still small.

Communities that have transitioned from reactive to programmed care have found they maintain more trees per year and address problems more systematically. The most well-documented example is Modesto CA which moved to a programmed approach to street tree management in the 1980s. The number of trees being pruned doubled the first year. In addition, trees were being pruned in a comprehensive manner rather than just in response to a specific request such as "remove low-hanging limbs."

The transition from reactive to programmed tree care is not without its challenges. The most important issue was deferring requests from elected officials and the public who were accustomed to a rapid response. Modesto found that extensive contact with the public was needed to introduce the change. Modesto California's outreach effort to move from reactive to programmed tree care focused on five points:

1. Programmed pruning was more efficient and productive.
2. Programmed pruning provided consistency in that all trees in the City would receive equal service.
3. Addressing trees in an area was beneficial to tree growth and development.
4. Programmed pruning reduced the City's liability while enhancing public safety.
5. Residents who wanted immediate service could apply for a permit and have the work performed by a commercial tree care company, at their own cost.

The Recreation and Park Department would like to transition from a request-driven, reactive program to a one that is driven by program requirements. It is unlikely that current staff levels can achieve a complete transition to programmed care. Work records indicate that the tree crews are able to treat (prune or remove) approximately 1250 trees a year. Using the 64,000 tree estimate for trees within City limits, the maintenance cycle would be over 50 years. This does not include either Sharp Park or Camp Mather. Including those sites in the programmed tree care would likely double the maintenance cycle.

For this reason, we recommend that the Recreation and Park Department aim for a work system where the tree crews devote 50% of their time each year to programmed care. This assumes no additional reductions in staff and the use of bond funds to supplement routine care. As a comparison, the Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry operates on a 60% program / 40% reactive basis.

Recommendations for Transitioning to Program Pruning

Transitioning from a reactive to program pruning operation will require a fair amount of planning and public outreach. Within the Recreation and Park Department, planning needs to resolve how TMA and 311 requests will be managed as well as how routine tree care will be scheduled among the properties. Such planning will involve the gardening staff who are the primary requesters of tree work.

The following is a series of recommendations about the transition. It is likely that additional needs will arise as the program develops. I expect the planning portion will take 6 to 12 months.

1. Create an intradepartmental team from Neighborhood Service Area and Forestry staff charged with implementing programmed tree care. Establish a date for starting the new program.
2. Announce the plan to the department staff and major stakeholders including but not limited to, the Recreation and Parks Commission, PROSAC, Parks Trust, and the Neighborhood Parks Council.
3. Review of existing work orders. Evaluate those that are emergencies vs. routine pruning.
4. Clarify the responsibility for street and significant trees located on Recreation and Park Department properties. Traditionally, Recreation and Park Department has not maintained these trees. In recent years, however, it has become DPW practice to defer maintenance of these trees to the Recreation and Park Department.
5. Develop a work list for park properties and/or facilities. Use existing work orders to set-up the first round of scheduled care. Where possible provide service to an geographic area on a rotating basis.
6. Evaluate equipment requirements based on projected work load. It may be possible to care for mini-parks and properties using a small truck and chipper. These are facilities with relatively small trees and limited space.
7. Review of current urban forestry practices and approaches to pruning and removal. Establish best management practices based on the industry's American National Standards Institute standards and the International Society of Arboriculture's Best Management Practices.
8. Develop expertise on tree support systems within the Urban Forestry staff. Use of cables, bracing and props should be limited to high-value specimen trees.
9. Evaluate and implement improvements to TMA to better define the nature and scope of requested work, improve location finding and prioritization. In addition, evaluate how tree care activities through Bond and Capital projects, as well as any tree care performed by outside contractors, become documented in TMA.

10. Determine the relationship between gardeners and reforestation crew in post-planting care, particularly watering, stake maintenance, and mulch. Consider use of volunteers in the reforestation program. Incorporate early structural pruning into programmed efforts.
11. Engage gardening staff. Provide training in tree risk assessment with focus on the basics. Request their input on required tree care, particularly where recurring problems could be rectified by removal, redesign and replanting.
12. Develop best management practices for tree care and tree preservation for use on all Capital projects.
13. Engage Recreation and Park Department staff and outside stakeholders for input on the change in tree care.

Use of Park Bond funds in meeting the transition goal

The main opportunity provided by the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Forestry program funds is to address trees with significant defects in structure. Once the abatement work is performed, the need for emergency tree care in the affected properties should decrease. For example, spending almost \$2 million on tree risk abatement in Golden Gate Park should reduce the number of TMA requests for tree care. A secondary benefit of bond funds is the group of tree assessments provided by this funding. The assessments should be used to outline needed tree maintenance.

Tree Risk Management

The Recreation and Park Department has the responsibility to manage trees on its properties. The Department aims to balance the safety of park staff, users and visitors, the available resources to provide tree care, and the knowledge that trees fail. To meet this goal, the Department provides the following tree risk management guidelines:

- The Recreation and Park Department's Director of Operations and Urban Forest Manager are responsible for administering tree care activities and related risk assessment. The Urban Forester has overall responsibility for tree inspection and abatement procedures, as well as documenting those actions.
- The Recreation and Park Department relies upon the Tree Risk Area Prioritization (next section) to identify those park facilities with the highest priority for assessment.
- The Recreation and Park Department manages tree risk using the general procedures contained in *A Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas* (N. Matheny & J. Clark. 1994 (2nd edition. International Society of Arboriculture. Champaign IL). This method employs a ranking scale with a range between 3 (low) and 12 (high).
- The Recreation and Park Department employs a three-tiered inspection procedure.
 1. Gardeners and other gardening staff will receive training on identifying structural defects in trees.

2. When a tree problem comes to the attention of Recreation and Park Department staff, they use the TMA program to inform Urban Forestry staff and request action (e.g. abatement, further inspection). The Department's goal is to respond to requests for tree inspection within 2 business days.
3. As funds permit, tree assessments will be performed in individual park properties. See following section.

In addition, the Department plants trees with good structure and provides a program of early care in order to prevent serious structural defects from developing.

- The Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry staff is responsible for abating tree risk. The general guideline is that all trees receiving a risk ranking of 9 or greater will receive abatement treatment. The Department's goal is to abate trees with ratings of 11 or 12 within 7 days and trees rated 9 and 10 within 6 months.
- The Recreation and Park Department normally provides a 30 day posting period for tree removals. Trees designated for risk abatement, those with risk rankings of 9 or greater, will not be posted.
- The Recreation and Park Department's Director of Operations and Urban Forestry staff will prepare an annual report on tree risk inspection and abatement for the SF Recreation and Parks Commission, describing the properties evaluated and the actions taken.

Tree Risk Area Prioritization

The Park Forestry program of the 2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond is focused on "those sites that pose the greatest risk to public safety or property." In order to identify such sites, HortScience, Inc. and Urban-Eyes Industries have worked with Recreation and Park Department staff to evaluate tree management information as well as consider the use and occupancy of individual park facilities.

The Recreation & Park Department distinguishes between properties and facilities. Properties are the individual parks and squares. Facilities are specific use areas such as playfields, children's play areas, buildings and parking lots. A number of facilities may be present within an individual property. We suggest that facilities are more representative of variations in site use and occupancy than properties.

Our approach to prioritizing risk assessments, and the associated abatement, is founded in the basic aspects of tree hazard assessment: that it involves both a tree and the targets around it.

Tree-based criteria

The following criteria consider the characteristics of trees on Recreation and Park Department properties. Assumptions include the idea that current and near-term future tree management is expressed by analyzing the histories of care and tree failure. Although not all requests for tree work need be risk/hazard related, those requests do reflect some aspects of the demand for tree work.

The following criteria were evaluated:

1. TMA requests

Requests for tree work from gardeners and other Recreation and Park Department staff are directed through the TMA program. Urban forestry staff uses these requests as the basis for much of their work. 1,330 TMA tree-related work orders from July 2005 through July 2009 were compiled by property.

2. Legal claims

82 tree-related claims were submitted to the City and County of San Francisco during the period 1999 to 2009.

3. History of tree failure

The California Tree Failure Report Program (www.treefail.org) had 762 reports of tree failures in Recreation and Park Department properties over the period of 1992 to 2008.

4. HortScience field scan of properties

HortScience staff performed a brief site assessment of properties and compiled information on previous assessments.

5. Previous hazard assessments

In the period of 1983 – 1992, the Recreation and Park Department performed tree risk assessments in the parks and squares as well as in sections of Golden Gate Park. Results of the 100 assessments were compiled. The % of assessed trees rated as high hazard was calculated for each property.

6. 311 / ParkScan work requests

71 tree-related reports were made through the City's 311 phone line. The Neighborhood Parks Council ParkScan program provided 106 requests.

Facility based criteria

Among the Recreation and Park Department's 236 properties exists a wide range of facilities. Among the 56 different types of facilities are ball fields, trails, picnic areas, parking, interior roads and structures. Use and occupancy also varies widely among the Department's facilities. Soccer fields and tennis courts can be lighted to extend periods of play. Structures such as recreation centers and bathrooms have high occupancy but relatively moderate use. Parking lots may be occupied when the property is open but are likely to be used in good weather.

In addition to the above, park properties abut residential properties and city streets. Were a tree to fail from a Recreation and Park Department property onto a city street or private residence, the Department would have responsibility. For this reason, streets, parking and private property adjacent to park must also be considered facilities. We identified potential targets located on the perimeter of park properties including private parcels. Similarly, we identified all major streets (highways, freeways, and major streets) and other streets within 50' of Recreation and Park Department properties. We also identified Muni stops present within and immediately adjacent to Recreation and Park Department properties.

In order to evaluate the risk associated with each type of facility, we scored each facility on the following criteria:

1. **Hours of operation**

Facilities open during daylight hours have lower occupancy than those that are open during the day and evening, and lower than those that are present 24 hours a day.

2. **Target: people or property?**

Is the target most likely impacted by a tree failure a structure or a person? People inside a structure such as a bathroom or clubhouse have some measure of protection should a failure occur

3. **Activity**

Is the activity associated with a facility stationary or moving? A park trail varies from a bathroom or roadway in this regard.

4. **Seasonality**

Facility use varies by season, largely due to variations in weather. Some facilities are likely to be seasonal in use while others have year-round activity.

5. **Is use primarily by children?**

Professional risk managers acknowledge that risks associated with children have more emotional weight. They identify areas where children are likely to be present as more significant than others. For this reason, the presence of children was considered for each facility.

Facilities with the highest use and occupancy were located on the perimeter of parks (streets and private property) as well as within the parks (internal roads, day camps and parking lots). This is not surprising as streets are used 24 hours a day, in any season (use may actually be greater when weather is poor) while parks are closed during the evening and have less use during poor weather. Not only can a vehicle be hit by a falling tree, it may also run into a tree that has fallen across a road.

Ideas Guiding Implementation

We suggest the following consideration for implementing assessments and follow-up tree work:

1. **Recreation and Park Department Properties with existing risk assessments should receive priority for abatement.**

Sigmund Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park were assessed in 2003 but abatement has not been completed. Park Presidio Blvd. was assessed in 2008. While some work has occurred, abatement has not been completed on these two sites.

2. **Tree assessment and abatement on Recreation and Park Department properties will be linked to Neighborhood Park Bond capital projects.**

Both assessment and abatement work will be performed using other funds for the Neighborhood Parks Program sites in the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Program. Examples of those projects include Mission Dolores Park and McCoppin Square.

3. Where a Recreation and Park Department property is less than 15 acres in size, the entire property should be assessed and abated.

The vast majority of parks are small. About 90% are less than 15 acres in size. In order to make best use of resources, we recommend that all facilities in a park of 15 acres or less be assessed and abated. These properties are small enough to address at one time.

4. Golden Gate Park is unique among Recreation and Park Department properties.

At 1032 acres, Golden Gate Park is the largest of Department's properties, comprising over 30% of the area of the properties within the City limits. Golden Gate Park has very diverse use patterns encompassing 305 facilities. This is in contrast to the next largest property, John McLaren Park, which has 39 facilities. There are 448 street segments within and adjacent to Golden Gate Park, of which 142 are highways and major streets. Golden Gate Park hosts the largest number of events over 1,000 participants such as the Outside Lands Concert. In addition, Golden Gate Park is a significant destination offering the SF Botanical Garden, de Young Museum, California Academy of Sciences, and the Conservatory of Flowers.

The tree maintenance needs at Golden Gate Park are also unique. Of the 1,330 requests for maintenance over the past 3 years, 465 (36%) have come from this property. Of tree-based legal claims (1999 to 2008), 33 of 83 (40%) were associated with Golden Gate Park. It also had 519 of the 738 (70%) tree failure reports (1991 to 2006) contained in the Calif. Tree Failure Report Program's database.

Tree Hazard Area Prioritization Ranking

Having assessed tree characteristics for each Recreation and Park Department property and the use and occupancy of each facility, we scored these two categories to arrive at a combination of tree and target. Results were sorted into three assessment priority groups (see attached table) based on overall score.

Priority Group 1. Eighteen (18) properties. Given the size of Golden Gate Park, we recommended dividing this into two, one consisting solely of Golden Gate Park and a second including the remaining 18 properties.

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| 1a. GOLDEN GATE PARK | 1031.90 | All facilities. |
| 1b. BUENA VISTA PARK | 38.31 | Park perimeter (streets & adj. private property). |
| CROCKER AMAZON | 57.30 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| GILMAN PLAYGROUND | 4.53 | Entire site. |
| GLEN PARK | 77.94 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| GOLDEN GATE HEIGHTS PARK | 6.95 | Entire site. |
| HOLLY PARK | 8.15 | Entire site. |
| JOHN MCLAREN PARK | 312.54 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| LINCOLN PARK | 112.03 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| MCCOPPIN SQUARE | 7.99 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| MISSION DOLORES PARK | 15.94 | Entire site (south complete). |
| MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK | 13.35 | Entire site. |
| MT DAVIDSON PARK | 40.71 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| PALACE OF FINE ARTS | 19.37 | Park perimeter (streets). |
| PARK PRESIDIO BLVD | 20.38 | Entire site (completed). |

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| PARKSIDE SQUARE | 8.86 | Entire site. |
| PINE LAKE PARK | 30.77 | Review 2003 assessment & follow-up. |
| SIGMUND STERN GROVE | 34.78 | Review 2003 assessment & follow-up. |

Priority Group 2. Forty-eight (48) properties.

Priority Group 3. One hundred sixty-three (163) properties.

Implementation

Existing Assessments, Phase 1a (Golden Gate Park) and Phase 1b (group 1): Budget \$3.2M

- **Phase 1a**
GOLDEN GATE PARK
- **Existing Assessments in Place**
PARK PRESIDIO BLVD. Assessment is complete. Abatement is underway. Review needed for a contract to undertake tree pruning.
PINE LAKE & STERN GROVE These facilities were assessed in 2003. Some abatement has been completed. Need to review the assessments and abatement that has occurred, then determine if additional assessment and abatement is needed.
- **Phase 1b (Group 1)**
Among the properties in Priority Group 1b, we recommend they be assessed in the following order:
PARKSIDE SQUARE. Problematic tree population.
MCCOPPIN SQUARE Site was partially assessed as part of the Park Bond program.
MISSION DOLORES PARK Site was partially assessed as part of the Park Bond program. Complete assessment of north side of property.
BUENA VISTA PARK Next highest rank facility
LINCOLN PARK Next highest rank facility
JOHN MCLAREN PARK Next highest rank facility

Based on our initial estimates, the sites listed above, including Golden Gate Park, will cost approximately \$3.2M to assess, abate and provide reforestation. The remaining sites listed below in Phase 1b are estimated to cost \$800K. The assessments and abatement for these sites cannot begin until the bond contingency is released (anticipated with 3rd bond sale in Spring 2011).

- **Phase 1b (Group 2): Budget \$800K**
CROCKER AMAZON GILMAN PLAYGROUND
GLEN PARK GOLDEN GATE HEIGHTS PARK
HOLLY PARK MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK
MT DAVIDSON PARK PALACE OF FINE ARTS

- **Phase 2 (as budget allows):**
Budget may allow for assessment, abatement, and reforestation of Phase 2 sites. This work would proceed in order of prioritization rank and the forestry team will update the commission on the plan to address these sites if funds remain.

Assessment Procedure

SF Recreation and Park Department staff and outside contractors will perform tree assessments. The minimum qualification shall be current status as either a Registered Consulting Arborist of the American Society of Consulting Arborist or an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist.

Trees will be inspected based on the priority rankings. Specific field procedures are found in Appendix D.

Risk Ranking System

Tree risk assessment is the systematic process of evaluating the potential for a tree or one of its parts to fail and, in so doing, injure people or damage property. All trees have the potential to fail. The degree of risk will vary with the size of the tree, type and location of the defect, tree species, and the nature of the target. Tree risk assessment involves three components:

1. a tree with the potential to fail,
2. an environment that may contribute to that failure, and
3. a person or object that would be injured or damaged (i.e. the target).

The Recreation and Park Department employs the general procedures contained in A *Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas* (N. Matheny & J. Clark. 1994 (2nd edition. International Society of Arboriculture. Champaign IL). Tree risk is ranked through the following components:

- **Failure potential (4 points)** - identifies the most likely failure and rates the likelihood that the structural defect(s) will result in failure within (specify time period?). The part of the tree most likely to fail is assessed using the following scale:
 - 1 - low - defects are minor (e.g. dieback of twigs, small wounds with good woundwood development)
 - 2 - medium - defects are present and obvious (e.g. lean or bow that has developed over time, cavity encompassing 10-25% of the circumference of the stem, codominant stems without included bark)
 - 3 - high - compounding and/or significant defects present (e.g. severe lean, cavity encompassing 30-50% of the circumference of the stem, multiple pruning wounds with decay along a branch)
 - 4 - severe - defects are very severe (e.g. partial uprooting of leaning tree, decay conks along the main stem, cavity encompassing more than 50% of the stem)
- **Size of defective part (4 points)** - rates the size of the part most likely to fail. Larger parts present a greater potential for damage. Therefore, the size of the failure affects the potential for injury or damage. The scoring system is:
 - 1 - most likely failure less than 6" in diameter
 - 2 - most likely failure 6 - 18" in diameter
 - 3 - most likely failure 18 - 30" in diameter
 - 4 - most likely failure greater than 30" in diameter

- **Target rating (4 points)** - rates the use and occupancy of the area that would be struck by the defective part. The following scoring is:
 - 1 - occasional use (e.g. lawn area)
 - 2 - intermittent use (e.g. sidewalk, benches)
 - 3 - frequent use (e.g. street parking, clubhouse)
 - 4 - constant use (e.g. children's play area, city streets).

Target ratings for Recreation and Park Department facilities is found in Table 3.

Table 3. Recommended Target Ratings for Tree Risk Assessments. Recreation and Park Department. San Francisco CA.

| Facility type | Target Rating |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adjacent non- Recreation and Park Department property parcel -- residence, building or other property | 4 |
| Building -- historic, day camp, clubhouse, activity center, stadium | 4 |
| Children's play area | 4 |
| Golf course -- clubhouse, maintenance facility | 4 |
| Highways & city streets | 4 |
| School yard | 4 |
| Adjacent parcel -- yard | 3 |
| Building -- day camp, clubhouse, activity center | 3 |
| Golf course -- parking area | 3 |
| Golf course -- tee, green | 3 |
| Muni stop | 3 |
| Parking -- adjacent street | 3 |
| Parking -- lot | 3 |
| Paved multi-use play area or, skatepark | 3 |
| Maintenance roads -- Recreation and Park Department use only | 3 |
| Bench | 2 |
| Building -- bathroom, concession, fieldhouse, parking garage | 2 |
| Dog play area | 2 |
| Golf Course -- fairways, cart paths | 2 |
| Performance space | 2 |
| Picnic area | 2 |
| Sidewalk/designated trail | 2 |
| Sports field/facility | 2 |
| Golf Course -- rough, out of play | 1 |
| Lawn, garden, greenspace, landscape, hardscape | 1 |
| Marina | 1 |
| Natural Area | 1 |
| Trail, unpaved social | 1 |
| Water Body | 1 |

The points in each category are added to obtain the overall tree risk ranking, with 3 being the minimum and 12 being the maximum value.

Risk ranking = failure potential + size of defective part + target rating

Detailed descriptions of the method to be used in tree assessments are contained in *A Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas* and *Trees and Development: A technical guide to the preservation of trees during land development*. See Appendix A for complete citations.

The goals of the assessment process are three-fold. The first is to identify trees posing the highest risk to park staff and users. The assessment procedure contains a tree risk ranking method to address this goal. The second goal is to establish a database of trees present in Recreation and Park Department properties. To that end, data collection should be standardized so that results within and among properties may be compared. Results from the assessments will be incorporated into the Department's geographic information system, allowing for more effective and efficient management in the future. Third, where assessments are associated with capital projects, the suitability of trees to be assets to the new project is evaluated. As a result, trees within and adjacent to the proposed project may be considered for removal, relocation and replacement.

Sustaining San Francisco's Parks

Sustainability represents providing for the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. For San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department properties, sustainability suggests that we act to ensure that assemblages of large trees and well-developed landscapes will be present in the future. Because large trees take so long to mature, it is incumbent upon the Department to have a strong program of reforestation with tall-growing, large canopy species.

There is, however, an inherent conflict between maintaining tree canopy today and providing for it in the future. Trees have finite life-spans. For example, the maximum life-span for Monterey pines is between 120 and 150 years. Most trees die before this time. This is particularly the case given the intensity of disease and insect problems associated with the species. The life-span of common landscape trees such as blackwood acacia (*Acacia melanoxylon*) and Victorian box (*Pittosporum undulatum*) is a few decades. In contrast, the life-span of blue gum, the most common eucalyptus species, is unknown.

Many of the pine, eucalyptus and cypress trees that form the vast bulk of the canopy in San Francisco's parks are mature in development, having been planted in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Smaller parks and squares that are more cultivated landscapes are more recent in origin but also contain mature plants.

Given its natural history, San Francisco cannot rely on a native tree resource to sustain the urban forest on park properties. Fundamentally, there is no native tree resource in the form of forest stands or preserves to build on. The number of tree species native to the city is small. And of that group, most are small to medium in stature. Many native species were associated with creeks and streams that have been removed. For all of the assets San Francisco possesses, a natural forest cover is not one of them.

The Department's Natural Areas Program is its primary vehicle for conserving and restoring the native vegetation on park properties including trees. As the Program's management plan is implemented, there will be a 1:1 of trees removed to trees planted. As exotic trees are removed, native species will be installed.

Planting and Reforestation

Outside of Natural Area Program-designated properties, sustaining the canopy in the City's parks will require extensive use of non-native species such as Monterey pine and Monterey cypress that dominate the canopy today. Rather than have most of the canopy-size trees be the same age, a reforestation program would aim for a diverse mix of ages and sizes. As mature trees are removed, established young trees will be present to take their place.

Between Golden Gate Park reforestation and the Natural Areas Program, large sections of the Department's properties are being addressed. There appear to be, however, gaps in other areas, notably the non-forest sections of Golden Gate Park, the Park and Squares and golf courses. In Parks and Squares, planting is not replacing removed trees. At golf courses, there has not been a planting program to speak of.

A number of properties have had site-wide tree assessments. Examples include Washington Square and Pioneer Parks. Three consistent themes emerge from such assessments.

1. Mature trees dominant these properties.
2. Few young or semi-mature trees are present.
3. Landscapes at Recreation and Park Department have specific design intent. Tree selection and new planting should respect, reflect and to some degree improve upon the overall design intent.

It appears that reforestation often occurs in pulses rather than continuously. A large group of trees are planted at one time either from reforestation or associated capital projects. These mature together and are then removed and replaced at one time.

An alternative approach would involve removal and replacement on a regular basis, where mature trees are removed and new ones installed as individuals or small groups. Where space and light allow, it is possible to install "understudy" trees. To that end, when a large mature tree is removed, the replacement is well-established and growing. For example, the large mature Monterey cypress tree in front of McLaren Lodge is a valued specimen. Installing an understudy tree nearby would reduce the negative impact that will occur should the large tree die or fail.

Another key feature of reforestation at Recreation and Park Department properties involves capital projects. All large-scale site renovation and construction projects involve tree removal and replacement to some degree. Projects normally include landscape architects who are responsible for the selection and placement of new trees. As projects develop, the landscape design program should incorporate goals of reforestation as well as providing opportunities for native and/or drought-tolerant plantings. In addition, new trees added to Recreation and Park Department properties as part of capital projects should be included in the annual summary of trees planted.

There are several design considerations to enhancing reforestation planting in the non-forested areas of Golden Gate Park as well as the Parks and Squares. One is use of drought tolerant species. This is a group that will also be dominated by non-native species. A second consideration involves use of native species in the landscape at a scale smaller than canopy trees. There are a large number of shrub and ground-cover plants that are drought-tolerant. Creating small-scale landscapes in park properties using native plants seems to be a natural design opportunity. One of the benefits of increased use of natives is enhanced wildlife habitat, a topic that is discussed in the Significant Natural Areas Management Plan.

Finally, reforestation offers the opportunity for parks to develop their own personality, creating a unique landscape experience. The landscape at the Cayuga Playground, for example, presents a whimsical experience of sculpture combined with a wide-ranging palette of shrubs and herbaceous plants. Another example is Pioneer Park, where vistas of San Francisco Bay had been obscured by tall-growing trees. Selective removal of trees and replanting with low-growing shrubs and groundcovers will serve to maintain the vista into the future.

Tree maintenance

As noted in a previous section, the current tree maintenance cycle for trees outside the Natural Area Program is over 50 years (Table 4). This does not include either Sharp Park or Camp Mather. Although there are no national standards for a maintenance cycle for trees in parks, the current cycle length is beyond the life-span of many trees species.

What would be required to reduce the annual maintenance cycle to 10 years (Table 4)? At the current time, 4 full-time equivalent staff are assigned to manage the 27,000 trees in Golden Gate Park. They address an average of 471 trees per year. To reduce the maintenance cycle to 11.5 years would involve maintaining 2,700 trees per year. To do so would require a staff of 20 or more, dedicated directly to Golden Gate Park (Table 4).

A somewhat similar situation exists in the Parks, Squares and golf courses where a staff of 9 full-time equivalent staff maintains about 760 trees per year. A staff of 45 would be required to reduce the maintenance cycle to about 10 years (Table 4)

In order to reduce the tree maintenance cycle from the current 50 years to a more reasonable 10 years would require an increase in tree care staff from 13 full-time equivalents to more than 65 staff. This estimate is based on current production rates.

Table 4. Projected staffing requirements to reduce tree maintenance cycle to approximately 10 years. San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

| Area of responsibility | No. of trees (estimated) | Work force (full-time equivalent staff) | No. of Trees Maintained (annual) | Maintenance cycle (years) |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Golden Gate Park | 27,000 | 4 | 471 | 57 |
| | | 8 | 942 | 28 |
| | | 12 | 1413 | 19 |
| | | 16 | 1884 | 14 |
| | | 20 | 2355 | 11.5 |
| Parks, Squares, City golf courses | 40,000 | 9 | 762 | 53 |
| | | 18 | 1524 | 26 |
| | | 27 | 2286 | 17.5 |
| | | 36 | 3048 | 13 |
| | | 45 | 3810 | 10.5 |

Notes: Golden Gate Park estimated number of trees (27,000) from 1998 Master Plan.

Parks, Squares & City golf courses number of trees based on estimate of 67,000 on Recreation and Park Department properties minus 27,000 in Golden Gate Park.

Opportunities to involve Stakeholders in Sustaining San Francisco's Parks

The Recreation and Park Department has an interested, diverse group of supportive stakeholders. There are several that this could be extended to tree management.

- **Partner with non-profit organizations on specific tree projects**

The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program provides grant funds to states for the purpose of enhancing urban and community forestry. In California, grant funds are administered by California ReLeaf (<http://californiareleaf.org>) under contract with State of California's CalFire Department. For the most part, only registered non-profit (501C3 status) are able to apply for funds. In San Francisco, Friends of the Urban Forest is such an organization and is a member of the ReLeaf Network of organizations. Groups such as the Parks Trust and Neighborhood Parks Council could acquire 501(c)3 status.

Federal funds must be matched by the partner organization. This is often in the form of volunteer contribution. There are also several state-funded grant programs for urban forest projects. These have the same general requirements as the federal program.

California ReLeaf's grants have traditionally focused on tree planting. Grants funds are used to acquire trees, which are planted by volunteers. CalFire has, however, encouraged and supported a diverse set of project areas including the creation of tree management plans.

- **Create a volunteer stewardship program**

Given the nature of tree care and its requirements for technical skills, volunteers cannot be integrated in routine maintenance operations such as tree removal and pruning. There is, however, an important role for volunteers in a wide range of stewardship, particularly related to tree management and reforestation.

While the Recreation and Park Department has had strong record of reforestation, developing a volunteer program could extend existing resources. Volunteers could assist in initial site clearing and preparation, planting, and early tree care in the form of mulching, weeding and watering. Other needs include managing invasive plants (such as vines growing up the trunks of mature trees) and nurturing specific plant groups (such as the windbreak in Golden Gate Park).

- **Expand the existing volunteer program**

The Recreation and Park Department uses volunteers in a variety of ways ranging from the Natural Areas Program to the National AIDS Memorial Grove. The Department could encourage participation for some aspects of tree maintenance (planting and early care).

Each of these options would require the Recreation and Park Department to support volunteer coordination within the specific unit or park.

Incorporating Findings into Urban Forestry Operations

In an effort to support the Recreation and Park Department, several organizations have prepared Tree Management Plans and/or tree risk assessments for specific park properties. Included in this group are:

- Mountain Lake Park. 1980.
- Japanese Tea Garden. San Francisco Parks Trust. October 2006.
- Strybing Arboretum. April 2007.
- Washington Square Park. Friends of Washington Square. March 2008.
- Hayes Valley Playground. Trust for Public Land. October 2008.
- Boeddeker Park. Trust for Public Land. December 2008.
- Balboa Park. Trust for Public Land. December 2008.
- Pioneer Park. Pioneer Park Project. November 2008.
- Golden Gate Park Soccer Fields. City Fields Foundation. Under development.

Similar plans are also likely to be prepared for other properties.

In addition, the Recreation and Park Department's Capital Projects Division has incorporated tree assessment into projects associated with the 2008 Park Bond. Tree assessments have been prepared for the following properties:

- Mission Dolores (part of site). December 2009 (draft).
- Sunset Recreation Center. December 2009 (draft).
- Mission Playground. February 2010.
- Fulton Playground. February 2010.
- West Sunset Playground (part of site). February 2010.
- Cayuga Playground. March 2010.
- Potrero Hill Recreation Center (part of site). March 2010.
- Palega Playground. March 2010.
- Interior Green Belt (proposed trail). May 2010.
- Corona Heights (proposed trail). In preparation.
- Oak woodlands in Golden Gate Park. In preparation.
- Kimball Playground. In preparation.
- Grandview Open Space. In preparation.
- Billy Goat Hill. In preparation.

At the current time, the Recreation and Park Department lacks a process for incorporating results of these assessments into urban forestry operations. With the existing reactive program of tree care, a TMA request would be filed. Whether the request receives a response in the form of tree care service is entirely dependent upon the work load at the time the request was received and its perceived priority.

In order for outside assessments and plans to be integrated into urban forestry, the Recreation and Park Department must first ensure that the content and scope of the report is appropriate, and that the information has been prepared by a qualified arborist. To that end, reports to be prepared by outside groups and associated with Capital projects should:

- Be prepared by an American Society of Consulting Arborists Registered Consulting Arborist or State of California Registered Professional Forester.
- Conform to the methodology established for tree assessments (previous section).

- Using proposed plans, evaluate and assess the impact of proposed construction projects including landscape renovation on existing trees.
- Provide recommendations for tree preservation, removal and relocation based on proposed project plans.
- Summarize findings in the form of a report which would include the following sections:
 - ❖ Introduction and Overview. Background description of the site and proposed project. Contents of the report.
 - ❖ Survey Methods.
 - ❖ Description of Trees.
 - ❖ Suitability for Preservation.
 - ❖ Assessment of Potential for Tree Relocation.
 - ❖ Tree Risk.
 - ❖ Evaluation of Impacts from the Proposed Project.
 - ❖ Recommendations for Preservation and Removal.
 - ❖ Tree Preservation Guidelines.
 - ❖ General Tree Management Recommendations.
- Provide electronic file of the Tree Survey Form. The tree survey form shall include: tree tag number, common name, trunk diameter, condition rating, suitability rating, comments, most likely failure, target that would be impacted, the risk rating (failure potential, size of part, target, sum) and abatement needs.
- Provide electronic file of the Tree Location Map which must be compatible or with the City GIS's system.
- Be submitted to the Recreation and Park Department's Director of Operations for review by the Urban Forestry Manager and appropriate gardening staff. Feedback from the Department about the recommendations must be incorporated before the finalization and acceptance of the report. It should include an estimate of the cost to perform the recommended work.
- The Recreation and Park Department should be prepared to make sample reports available to interested parties.

Upon acceptance of any report or plan by the Recreation and Park Department, the Director of Operations shall request that the Urban Forestry Manager incorporate the findings into the unit's plan of programmed work.

Golf Courses

The Recreation and Park Department is responsible for tree maintenance at the Lincoln Park, Harding Park, Golden Gate Park and Sharp Park golf courses. In each case, a concessionaire manages operations at the course. When tree services are required, golf courses use TMA to request service. In the past three years, 31% of the trees removed by the Department and 23% of the trees pruned were located on golf courses. One tree crew is essentially devoted to golf courses on a full-time basis.

Mature trees, largely Monterey cypress, Monterey pine and eucalyptus, dominate all of the courses. Records indicate that little or no tree planting has occurred. Trees are being removed from golf courses at a rate of several hundred per year but are not being replaced. This is an unsustainable situation. Either an intensive program of tree planting needs to be implemented or the architecture of the course needs to be revised to reflect reduced tree canopy.

This situation is apparent at Sharp Park. The trees are entirely mature with no young trees developing as replacements. Numerous standing dead trees were present. Trees are planted in long rows along fairways. As individual trees die or fall, it exposes remaining trees to higher wind loads and increases the overall failure rate.

There is a compelling need to upgrade tree maintenance operations at all of the golf courses, particularly Sharp Park. One option would be to place the burden of tree maintenance and replanting in the concessionaire's contract. An alternative would be to increase staffing in the urban forestry unit. Without any change in management, the urban forestry unit's resources will be stretched even further and the tree canopy at golf courses will continue to decline.

Summary and Recommendations

One unique aspect of the 2008 Clean and Safe Park Bond was the inclusion of tree management activities. The Tree Risk Area Prioritization section of this report is directly derived from the Bond. The Recreation and Park Forestry aspects of the Bond also raised a number of issues associated with the Department's tree care program. This plan has described the basic operation of the program including its current staffing, budget and operational activities.

In the broadest sense, the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program has two missions. The first is short-term: to ensure that trees located on park properties are healthy and in structurally sound condition. Urban Forestry meets this mission by pruning, tree removal and other tree maintenance activities. The second mission is long-term in nature: to plant trees which will be enjoyed by park users of the future. To that end, Urban Forestry plants trees.

It seems clear that the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program generally provides a minimal response to its first mission while falling short in the second. The program can hardly respond to requests for tree service. No programmed tree care occurs. The focus of pruning and removal is on the immediate and short-term, and lacks any long-term considerations. Unfortunately, staff can only problem-solve. There is little or no capacity to provide need tree maintenance.

Because San Francisco lacks a native tree resource, the only way to sustain tree canopy cover is through planting. The Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program has been successful in one area: the reforestation of the Golden Gate Park forest areas. Despite continuing budget challenges, the reforestation efforts has successfully nurtured a new generation of tall-growing trees. This effort has gone largely unnoticed but should be considered the central success of the program

Planting at other locations of Golden Gate Park and in the Parks and Squares has been less successful. Over the past three years, new planting has not kept up with tree removal. Put another way, there may be fewer trees in these locations today than there were 3 years ago. The situation at the golf courses is even worse: no trees have been planted.

It is also clear that the Recreation and Park Department cannot expect budget relief, let alone an increase. On the other hand, San Francisco voters have provided bond support for parks. It seems likely that they will do so in the future. For this reason, Urban Forestry must adapt to a two-tiered approach to tree management. The first level involves day-to-day operations of the existing staff. The second is the use of outside contractors supported by bond funding. The challenge is to meld the two approaches so that the Urban Forestry program's missions are supported.

Based on my assessment of the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program, I recommend the following:

- **Develop better documentation of tree care activities.** It is critical that all tree maintenance operations find be documented in some way. A key challenge here is documenting the tree abatement work to be performed by outside contractors. Incorporating results of tree assessments and abatement actions, either associated with Park Bond funding, Capital projects or stakeholder groups, will require revision of the Department's work flow documentation procedures. Implementing this task will require additional staff time, both clerical and administrative.
- **Commit the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program to making the transition from reactive to programmed tree management.** Set a goal of 50% that tree care activity should be program based rather than simply reactive.
- **Commit the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program to the industry's best standards and best management practices.** Replacing the "tree topper" position title with something more appropriate (e.g. arborist, tree climber) would be a first step.
- **Evaluate how changes to TMA can better support work and information flow related to the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry program.** TMA should increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Urban Forestry activities. Doing so requires enhancing the existing system.
- **Expand reforestation efforts,** particularly in the Parks and Squares and golf course. Simply put: too few trees are being installed in these locations. Because tree planting and early care are one of the most successful uses of volunteers, it may be possible to increase the number of trees planted and their early care without further burdening existing staff. Grant funds are available to non-profits groups to purchase trees. This area seems like a natural place for cooperation with outside groups that have non-profit status. Reforestation efforts must be in harmony with aspects of park use. For example, the Golden Gate Forest Management Plan (1980) was incorporated into the overall Master Plan for the Park (1998).

This is not just an issue of inadequate labor to procure, install and maintain young trees. There is also an issue of leadership for reforestation. It appears that reforestation in Parks and Squares is supposed to be a cooperative effort between the gardening and reforestation staff. How this cooperation proceeds is not clear. There does not appear to be a documented process for installation. Further, the involvement of outside stakeholders in reforestation decisions has not been added to the reforestation process.

Even with a volunteer stewardship program, the Recreation and Park Department will have to provide staff time to organize and oversee these activities. In addition, increasing reforestation will require the Department to resolve issues of design issues associated with plant selection, use of drought-tolerant species, coordination with capital improvement projects, and installation into existing landscapes.

There is also a need for demonstration plantings as part of reforestation. No one knows where the Golden Gate Park forestation plots are located. Signage would help explain the process of reforestation. The Panhandle was once a collection of a wide range of species, a design intent that has been lost as trees have been removed. Another demonstration could involve the use of varying size nursery stock to illustrate the performance of small material. It would not be inappropriate for parks and squares to incorporate small sections of native plants.

There is also the need to experiment with natural regeneration, particularly with Monterey cypress, Monterey pine and coast live oak. Under some conditions, notably where chipped branches are spread and when overstory trees are removed, seedlings of these species proliferate. It may be possible to recruit these seedlings into a reforestation effort. This approach, however, requires pilot testing before it can be implemented as a routine practice.

- **Develop a reforestation plan for golf courses.** The complete lack of planting suggests that the current expectations for play will change as trees are removed. Removing trees change the structure of a golf hole, and may adversely impact how it is played. In addition, removing trees increases the amount of wind on a course. For these reasons, reforestation on golf courses must respond to the design needs of the course.

I recommend that a complete assessment of tree care needs be made at all golf courses but particularly at Sharp Park. Based on my observations, all of the trees at that facility are mature or overmature in development. No young trees were present. Numerous standing dead trees were evident. There is a great deal of deferred tree maintenance at Sharp Park's golf course, which only adds to the demand on the Recreation and Park Department's Urban Forestry staff.

- **Continue to expand the palette of trees used in reforestation efforts.** Given the lack of native trees species, the Recreation and Park Department's urban forest will continue to be dominated by planted, non-native species.

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Appendices

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Appendix A. Sources of Information and Project Outreach

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Appendix B. Glossary

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| Canopy-sized tree | Tall-growing and/or wide-spreading species that provide stature and overstory to the urban forest. |
| Invasive | Non-native species likely to spread, disrupting and preventing reproduction of native plants and wildlife. |
| Native | Plant present within the geographic limits of present-day San Francisco prior to the arrival of the Portola expedition in 1769. Based on Howell, Raven and Rutzboff, 1958. |
| Non-native | Plant not present within the geographic limits of present-day San Francisco prior to the arrival of the Portola expedition in 1769. Not mentioned in Howell, Raven and Rutzboff, 1958. Syn. exotic. |
| Reforestation | The re-establishment of forest cover either by natural or artificial means. |
| Stand | Group of trees similar in age, structure and composition. Syn. grove, woodland. |
| Sustainability | Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (US EPA). |
| Tree | Woody perennial usually having one dominant trunk and a mature height of 15 or greater |
| Understudy tree | Tree planted in the same vicinity as an important specimen, grown to be the replacement. |
| Urban forest | The naturally occurring and planted trees located within the geographic limits of the City and County of San Francisco. |

Appendix C. The Number of Trees on Recreation and Park Department Properties in San Francisco.

How many trees are located in the 3,415 acres of San Francisco's parks?

There is not a definitive answer. The 1998 Golden Gate Park Master Plan cited a 1993 tree count for Golden Gate Park: 27,192 trees. The 2008 Master Plan for the Significant Natural Areas (NAP) estimated that 64,000 trees were located on the 883 acres of Natural Areas in San Francisco. The Department is responsible for 2,532 acres of park property that are not included in the Natural Areas Program.

The following are three approaches to estimating the number of trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco.

Golden Gate Park approach

Using the 1993 figure of 27,192 trees in Golden Gate Park's 1,032 acres yields an average of 26.4 trees/acre. There are 2,532 non-NAP acres in San Francisco (including Golden Gate Park). Applying the Golden Gate Park average to all non-NAP properties results in an estimate of 66,850 trees.

This approach yields a total of **130,850** trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco (64,000 NAP plus 66,850 non-NAP).

UFORE approach

The 2005 UFORE analysis prepared by the USDA Forest Service calculated that open space areas in San Francisco had 37 trees/acre. Applying this figure to the 1,230 acres of parkland outside of NAP properties and not in Golden Gate Park results in an estimate of 45,500 trees.

This approach yields a total of **136,700** trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco (64,000 NAP plus 27,200 in Golden Gate Park plus 45,500 in other Recreation and Park Department properties).

Stratified approach

HortScience, Inc. has surveyed trees on approximately 15 park properties. Results from these properties can be divided into parks, squares and playgrounds. I calculated the number of trees / acre for each, then applied those figures to the all non-NAP acreage outside of Golden Gate Park, yielding an estimate of 62,750 trees.

This approach yields a total of **126,750** trees on Recreation and Park Department properties in San Francisco (64,000 NAP plus 27,200 in Golden Gate Park plus 35,550 in other Recreation and Park Department properties).

Based on the above, the average number of trees outside of NAP areas is 67,000. When added to the estimate of 64,000 trees on NAP properties in San Francisco, this yields **131,000** trees for all Recreation and Park Department properties.

Appendix D. Tree Risk Assessment Field Procedures

When planning the assessment, the inspector should review available information related to the property. Where possible, information on past tree failures (if any) should be reviewed. Other considerations include general features such as stand age, tree vigor, locations where water accumulates and the direction of prevailing strong winds.

The site examination must be performed in a systematic manner. Assessments will be based on Recreation and Park Department facilities and shall consider trees 6" or greater in diameter (measured 54" above grade). The tree risk ranking system will be applied to park facilities in order of priority. The procedure will be:

1. Identify areas of assessment

The target area includes any trees that would strike the facility. Estimate the height of dominant trees around the targets to determine how far into the canopy to inspect; the height of the dominant trees is the distance back from the targets that must be examined. Note landmarks that will serve as boundaries of the inspection area.

2a. For parks and squares 15 acres or less in area, assess all trees, as follows:

- a. Attach a numerically coded metal tag to the trunk. Place the tag on the north side of the tree, as high as possible.
- b. Note tree number and location using GPS coordinates or other map.
- c. Identify tree species.
- d. Measure the diameter at 4.5' above mean natural grade. Adjust height of measurement to avoid deformations, swellings, branches, if necessary. For multiple-trunked trees branching below 4', measure each trunk. If the separation of trunks originates below the soil level and there is soil between them, tag and assess as separate trees.
- e. Visually assess tree health and structural condition on a 0 to 5 scale where 0 = dead, 1 = very poor, 2 = poor, 3 = fair, 4 = good and 5 = excellent condition.
- f. Assess the suitability for preservation of each tree within and immediately adjacent to facilities using a 3 level scale of poor, moderate and good.
- g. Describe all significant tree defects, beginning at the base of the tree and working upwards. Identify major pest or disease problems that might influence tree vigor and development of hazards. Infestations of mistletoe, bark beetles or aphids have little effect on tree stability. The following pests may pose problems to structural stability:
- h. Identify the defect(s) most likely to fail within the inspection period (four to five years)
- i. Identify the target(s) the tree would hit if it failed.
- j. Assess the failure potential: the likelihood that the defect(s) will result in failure (rated as 1 to 4 points).
- k. Assess the size of the defective part most likely to fail and hit the target (rated as 1 to 4 points).
- l. Assess the target that would be impacted should the failure occur, based on use and occupancy (rated as 1 to 4 points).
- m. Calculate the risk rating as the Target Rating + Defect Rating + Size of defective part.
- n. Identify treatments to abate the risk posed by the tree.

Appendix D, continued. Tree Risk Assessment Field Procedures

2b. For parks and squares greater than 15 acres, assess trees as follows:

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- b. Note tree number and location using GPS coordinates or other map.
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- k. Assess the size of the defective part most likely to fail and hit the target (rated as 1 to 4 points).
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Member D'Agostino June 2 Retreat Draft Notes

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Terri had a version (could it be inserted here?)

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| Diverse goals (on multiple levels) | 4 |
| People have different opinions/competitive ideas | 5 |
| No consequences for violating ordinances & policies | 8 |
| Time pressure | 7 |
| Money | 7 |
| Fragmented vision of Urban Forest | 5 |
| Lack support | 4 |
| Maintenance issues (improper/topping) not planned | 3 |
| Land use issues | 2 |
| Communication | 2 |
| Cultural traditions – orientation – values | 1 |
| Conflict between trees and infrastructure | 1 |
| Partnering | 1 |
| Conversionists (take out trees, plant grass) | 1 |
| Water – non renewable resource – often wasted | 1 |
| Complexity | |
| Competition between entities | |

Working Issues

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How to approach an obstacle

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| Build our credibility and influence key decision makers | 7 |
| Need to increase visibility and communication | 4 |
| Educating public | 3 |
| Activating/empowering citizen groups | 3 |
| More forceful expertise from council members | 2 |
| Persevere – Ask for help | 1 |
| Focus on quantitative data (#s and \$s) to be persuasive | 1 |
| Bring models from other cities to decision makers | |

Next Steps

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| Small group will meet to flush/flesh out goals/ Prepare summary for full council |
| Send to Planning and Funding committee to clean up/edit for reporting to full council |



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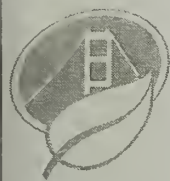
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Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

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Posted: August 20, 2010

2010 Annual Urban Forest Report

Survey and Planning Notes

At the May Urban Forestry Council meeting, the Council elected to review and rework the Annual Report survey and processes.

The way it was:

Council program staff support sent an email to a specific contact within in each organization or agency that maintained or regulated a significant portion of San Francisco's urban forest. The multiple page survey was edit for content annually, though it maintained the same basic sets of questions. The report collated responses, edited for readability but not content.

As a result of the Council's May decision to rework programming, a group of members met independently as well as with Council support staff to create this year's program plan, as follows:

Procedure of interviews:

1. Outreach

Mei Ling will email all orgs and agencies, to the director and the best staff contact:

Good afternoon (Insert name of org Director),

The Urban Forestry Council is required to produce an annual report on the state of the urban forest for the Board of Supervisors and Mayor, Pursuant to San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 12 Sec. 1209. This year we would like to conduct in person or telephone interviews with urban forest stakeholders to gather data for the report.

We understand that (insert name of staff contact) is the best person on your staff to answer these questions and will be contacting him/her in the next week to set up a meeting.

***OR: We do not know which of your staff would be the best to speak with, please identify the best contact for us.

Last year, you reported that you had XXX personnel and XXX budget. (If reported)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Approximately 1 week before the scheduled interview, Mei Ling will send out the list of questions to the director and staff contact. If they prefer to respond by email, email submission will be accepted.

2. Interview

If, due to time constraints, Mei Ling is unable to conduct all the interviews herself, UFC members may be called on for support.

Interview questions should be read verbatim. Interviewers will take detailed notes of the conversation.

Following the interview, whoever has performed the interview will send their notes from the interview to the staff contact, the director, and Mei Ling and ask if there are any clarifications necessary and to respond by one week from the send date. If clarifications are received, the interviewer will ensure that the staff contact, the director, and Mei Ling all have that information and that the changes have been confirmed as correct by the staff.

Interview Questions:

1. What, if any, significant changes have taken place within your agency or organization's UF programs in the last fiscal year?

2. How many urban forest related staff positions does your organization/agency have?

3. How many trees within your organization/agency's jurisdiction has your organization/agency planted, cared for, and removed in the past fiscal year? (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)

3a. Did you organization/agency perform work for another organization/agency during the past year? If so how many trees did your organization/agency plant/care for/remove for that organization/agency. Please provide the name of each organization and a contact person at that organization.

3b. Did any other organization/agency perform work on the portion of urban forest within your jurisdiction in the past fiscal year? (For example, did an nonprofit plant trees on your land or did a contractor remove trees?) If so, how many trees did that organization/agency plant/care for/remove in the last fiscal year? Please provide the name of each organization and a contact person at that organization.

4. In past year's reporting, many organization/agency reported that had the same concerns. Please ranks the following concerns with level of importance on a 1-5 scale, 1 being "Not a significant concern to us." and 5 being "Extremely significant concern to us." (Maria and I will add these items later, but will be along the lines of "Inadequate funding" "Inadequate staffing" "Disease")

4a. (Same as above for "Limitations to addressing these concerns."

5. This year, the Urban Forestry Council will be focusing on (fill in after completion of strategic planning item at next P&F meeting.) How can partner with your organization within these contexts? (Or : "How can we support you within theses contexts and how can you support us"?)

6. What is your total organization/agency budget? What is you urban forestry programming budget?

[Commendation for Urban Forestry Council Member Naomi LeBeau]

Resolution commending Naomi LeBeau, Urban Forestry Council member, for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco's Urban Forestry Council and for improving San Francisco's urban forest.

WHEREAS, Naomi LeBeau has served the City and County of San Francisco as a member of the Urban Forestry Council since November 25, 2008 and as a member of the Urban Forestry Council's Planning and Funding Committee from April 2009 to July 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Naomi LeBeau gave valuable advice and shared her arboreal wisdom with the Council at crucial times, and was instrumental in furthering the objectives of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Naomi LeBeau made an undeniable contribution to the Urban Forestry Council and its achievements to date; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council extends its gratitude and commends Naomi LeBeau for her dedication to the Urban Forestry Council; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council wishes Naomi LeBeau well in her future endeavors.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on .

Monica Fish, Urban Forestry Council Secretary

Urban Forestry Council Chair

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:



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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
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Member Sherk suggested that the Council immediately pursue grant funding through the State Department of Forestry and cited the September 30 deadline. She stated that educating the public about urban forestry is one of the Council's goals and is in line with the grants being offered. Council Coordinator Hui stated that her existing work plan does not allow time for her to write a grant and requested individual Council Member's assistance if they are interested in applying.

Public Comment: Mr. Scheid stated that the grant can be accessed on the www.ufe.org website. He reported that the State Department of Forestry has changed the matching requirements to a 75 – 25 split with the state providing 75% of the grant funding.

Member Cohen discussed the inaccuracy of information being given by the 311 Call Center and most recently the Department of Public Works in response to a report she issued. Council Members discussed reasons and possible solutions for improvement of the system. Member Hillson submitted Mr. Jim Clark's

responses to her questions on the Tree Management Plan (see Explanatory Document—Tree Management Plan Responses). Member Sherk reported on concerns she has heard about the Recreation and Park Department cutting down a large number of trees for development of community gardens at Geneva and San Jose Avenue and asked if there was anything the Council could do. Member Hillan suggested that specific information be brought to the Council as an agenda item for discussion and possible action. Member Cohen discussed the recent shift in the Bay Area to food gardens and permaculture at the expense of trees.

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- 15. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion)

Member Sherk suggested that the Council immediately pursue grant funding through the State Department of Forestry and cited the September 30 deadline. She stated that educating the public about urban forestry is one of the Council's goals and is in line with the grants being offered. Council Coordinator Hui stated that her existing work plan does not allow time for her to write a grant and requested individual Council Member's assistance if they are interested in applying.

Public Comment: Mr. Scheid stated that the grant can be accessed on the www.ufe.org website. He reported that the State Department of Forestry has changed the matching requirements to a 75 – 25 split with the state providing 75% of the grant funding.

Member Cohen discussed the inaccuracy of information being given by the 311 Call Center and most recently the Department of Public Works in response to a report she issued. Council Members discussed reasons and possible solutions for improvement of the system. Member Hillson submitted Mr. Jim Clark's

responses to her questions on the Tree Management Plan (see Explanatory Document—Tree Management Plan Responses). Member Sherk reported on concerns she has heard about the Recreation and Park Department cutting down a large number of trees for development of community gardens at Geneva and San Jose Avenue and asked if there was anything the Council could do. Member Hillan suggested that specific information be brought to the Council as an agenda item for discussion and possible action. Member Cohen discussed the recent shift in the Bay Area to food gardens and permaculture at the expense of trees.

16. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. There was no public comment at this time.

17. Adjournment. The Urban Forestry Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by
Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Approved: September 24, 2010



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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda
Friday, September 24, 2010, 8:30 a.m.**

**City Hall, Room 400
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Maria D'Agostino (Chair), Chris Buck (San Francisco Department of Public Works—Vice Chair), Jocelyn Cohen, Larry Costello, Malcolm Hillan, Rose Hillson, Terry Milne, Bonnie Ora Sherk, AnMarie Rodgers (San Francisco Planning Department), and Kelaine Vargas; (1 Vacancy); **Advisory Members:** Mike Barrow (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Susan Nervo (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department); San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (Vacant); National Park Service (Vacant)

Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui

Commission Secretary: Monica Fish

**Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.
Order of Business**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: August 24, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 4. Hearing on Nomination for Landmark Tree Status.** The Urban Forestry Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the following address meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree. (Discussion and Action)
 - **Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) located at 4441 20th Street, Assessor's Block 2750, Lot 037, San Francisco, CA** (Explanatory Documents: Nomination Form, Images, Committee and Staff Evaluation Forms, Homeowner Presentation, Neighborhood Support and Opposition Letters, Site History)
- 5. Council Meeting Schedule. Sponsor:** Chair D'Agostino (Discussion)
- 6. Outreach for Council Membership. Sponsor:** Chair D'Agostino (Discussion)
- 7. Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Explanatory Document: Staff Report) (Informational Report and Discussion)

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8. Committee Reports: (Informational Reports and Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report

9. Chair's Announcements: Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)

10. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information and Discussion).

11. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

12. Adjournment.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 416, City Hall.

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

The Brown Act forbids the Council from taking action or discussing any item or issue not appearing on the posted agenda. This rule applies to issues raised in public comment as well. In response to public comment, not on an agenda item, the Council is limited to:

1. Briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public, or
2. Request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or
3. Directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a).)

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Posted: September 17, 2010

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board may nominate a tree.
- The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
- A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- ☒ Property owner
- ☐ Board of Supervisor member
- ☐ Head of a city department or agency
- ☐ Planning Commission member
- ☐ Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department, Property Owner):

Name George L. Kirby, II
Address 4441 20th St.
Address San Francisco CA 94111
Phone (day) [REDACTED]
Fax # [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

Name _____
Address _____
Address _____
Phone (day) _____
Fax # _____
Email _____

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature [Signature]
Date JUNE 25, 2010

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice.

Signature [Signature]
Date JUNE 25, 2010

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Quercus agrifolia (Oak)

Number of trees: 1

Street address: 1000 20th St SF CA 94114

Location of Tree: ☐ Front yard ☒ Rear yard ☐ Side yard ☐ Corner-side yard
☐ Public right-of-way ☐ Public lands ☐ Not sure
☐ Other: _____

If the tree which extends beyond multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does so?

☐ Trunk ☒ Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

☒ Front yard ☐ Rear yard ☐ Side yard ☐ Corner-side yard

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height 20 feet

Average canopy width 20 feet
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level _____ inches
Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

Circumference at ground level 20 inches
Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

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Rarity

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: While this is a common species in the area, this tree is
one of the few in a residential location

Physical

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: This tree is equal or greater in scale than other trees of
the same species in San Francisco.

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Given the estimated lifespan of the species is 200-300 years,
this tree is approximately 1/3 of its life at about 85 years old.

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: This tree is a pristine example of this species and is
noticed by many for its great form and scale.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Based on years of excellent maintenance and care,
there are no visible signs of decay, damage, or other issues.

Historical

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☐ None apparent None apparent (see attached property history)
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: This tree was once heavily planted by William H. Hays, the
second property owner, who also owned a law firm and a hotel.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☒ Yes ☐ Unknown (see attached card)
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Featured in a printing and covering the Castro
District Historic

EnvironmentalProminent landscape feature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: The tree is located on a hillside, and has a very large, spreading canopy, and is a very mature, well-developed tree.Low tree density: ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: This tree is the only one of its kind in the area, and it is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: This tree is visible from the street, and it is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: While it may not be directly in the path of traffic, it is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.Important wildlife habitat: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Describe: This tree is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: This tree is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.Wind or sound barrier: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: This tree is a very large, mature tree, and it is the only one of its kind in the area.

Cultural

Neighborhood appreciation: ☐ Yes ☐ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: In its location, this tree provides a better look
to the rooflines of the typical Victorian structures in the Castro.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: (see attached photos)

Additional comments

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If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.

A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

Please attach optional supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

Send to: Urban Forestry Council, c/o Mei Ling Hui, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
OR meiling.hui@sfgov.org

Any information you submit will be part of the public record.

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| Application received date _____ | Received by _____ |
| Tree evaluation form _____ | UFC recommendation date _____ |
| Board of Supervisors Decision _____ | |
| Landmark Tree # _____ | Title recorded date _____ |

4441-4443 Twentieth Street: Resident History

In early 1895, 28-year-old stonecutter William H. Johnson purchased a lot on the south side of 20th Street, twenty-five feet east of Eureka Street, and constructed a two-floor residence upon it. Johnson, who immigrated to the United States in 1881 from Finland, was unmarried, with two small children—a son Victor, age 3 and a daughter Ethel, age 1. In the autumn of 1895, he moved his family into the newly completed residence known as 4443-20th Street. Johnson remarried in 1898 and by 1900 decided to alter his residence into two flats, now known as 4441-4443-20th Street.

In the 1900 national census, Johnson, along with his wife Eugenia and their 2 children, resided at 4443-20th Street. His neighbor, at 4441-20th Street, was Charles Whald, a 50-year-old German ship carpenter, who shared the flat with his wife Annie, age 37. She immigrated from Ireland in 1882. Annie's sister, 23-year old dressmaker Katherine Rusk, also resided there. Katherine came to America from Ireland in 1894.

In May 1905, Johnson sold the flats to Nicholas Morrissey, owner of a horseshoeing business located South-of-Market Street. It is possible that the flats were a wedding gift to his wife Josephine, whom he married that year. Morrissey was born in Australia in 1881 and immigrated in 1889 to the United States. By 1910, the couple had a son, Nicholas, Jr., and occupied the 4441 flat.

Living at 4443 in 1910 was Hugh Jackson, a 26-year-old fellow horseshoer, with his wife Margaret, age 24, and their infant son, James. By 1920, the rental unit at 4443 had a new tenant. He was Joseph C. Scollin, age 35, a furrier in his own shop, with his wife Maud, age 38, and his three sons—Raymond age 13, Charles, age 9, and William, the youngest at age 4.

When Morrissey died around 1931, the property passed to his widow, Josephine. In 1943, she deeded the property to her son, Nick Morrissey, Jr., who had begun his career in 1932 working for the state of California. At the time of his death in 1955, he was the state director of professional and vocational standards. He sold the property to Josephine L. Smith in June of 1946 for \$8000. Ms. Smith sold the flats to Frederick E. Wider, a policeman, in August of 1947, for \$7500. Wider lived at 4443 until March 1955, when he sold the property to John and Delia M. Moss. Mr. Moss was a bartender.

John A. McAdam purchased the building in February of 1960 for \$21,450. Subsequent owners include Kjeld L. Strom in April of 1965, Richard Snyder and Sheldon P. Donig in February of 1976, and P. A. Cherini, Jr. in November of 1976. Cherini then sold to Jon C. Yverson that same month. Two years later, in September 1978, the property was purchased by Michael Loughlin and Mary Gavin. They held possession until August of 1988, when the flats were bought by Theron O' Connor and Demaris Brinton. The present owner, George Lester King, III purchased 4441-4443-20th Street in June of 1996.

Cupressus macrocarpa
20th at Eureka Streets
4441-4443 20th Street



George L. King, II
September 2010



Photo courtesy of:
George L. King, II – May 6, 2001



Photo courtesy of:
San Francisco City Assessors Office – September 30, 1976



Photo courtesy of:
George L King, II – October 16, 2006

Why Landmark Status?

- Passion, Growth and Adversity
- Neighborhood and History
- Wildlife
- Attributes
- Evolution and Changes Over Time
- Conservation Status
- Recommendation and Conclusion

Passion, Growth and Adversity

Similar to how we value our lives, the life of a tree holds many emotional and physical traits



This tree:

- Represents strength and growth in the face of adversity
- Thrives and modifies in hard elements
- Represents my own emotional growth
- Teaches us how to learn and adapt
- Metaphor for survival
- A symbol of strength which deserves protection
- A major factor my purchase of this home
- I care for it in a consistent and proactive manner

Neighborhood and History

The Eureka Valley and the home where this tree lives has seen much change over its brief history

- Originally part of Rancho San Miguel
 - 4444.34 acres = 1/6th of SF¹
- Home was built in 1895 by William H. Johnson, at age 28, a local stonecutter who emigrated from Finland
- Estimated this tree was planted about 65 years ago, in 1945
- Owner at the time was Frederick Wider, a policeman
- I purchased this home in 1996

¹Rancho San Miguel A San Francisco Neighborhood History – Mae Silver

Wildlife and Habitat

Over the years this tree has become a safe haven for much of the animals who live in our city

- A family of hawks nested, hatched and fed their young
- Families of raccoon and skunk enjoy climbing, foraging and frolicking among the branches and trunk
- Gray and brown squirrels are active in the tree branches eating seed cones
- Birds of all sorts visit; including blue jays, crows, sparrows, mourning doves, and hummingbirds

Attributes

“Away from the shore their growth more reasonably, spreading their tops like giant umbrellas, full, thick, resilient, and of a rich velvety green”¹

This tree is special because of its:

- Full and round canopy
- Distinctive and intricate branching
- Size and girth of its trunk
- Lush and healthy green color
- Prominence and focal point relative to the neighborhood
- Balance and symmetry among the multiple trunks

¹ Excerpt from a Poem by Ernest Piexotto - Romantic Californian

Evolution and Changes over Time

For unknown reasons many trees have been removed from our neighborhood; diminishing value



- 1 – 4421 20th Street
- 2 – 308 Diamond Street
- 3 – 350 Collingwood Street
- 4 – 300 Block Collingwood Street
- 5 – 00 Block Seward Street (mini park)
- 6 – 91 Seward Street
- 7 – 95-97 Seward Street

Evolution and Changes over Time

Over a 14 year period there has been a significant loss of greenery, as demonstrated by these photos



Photo circa 1996

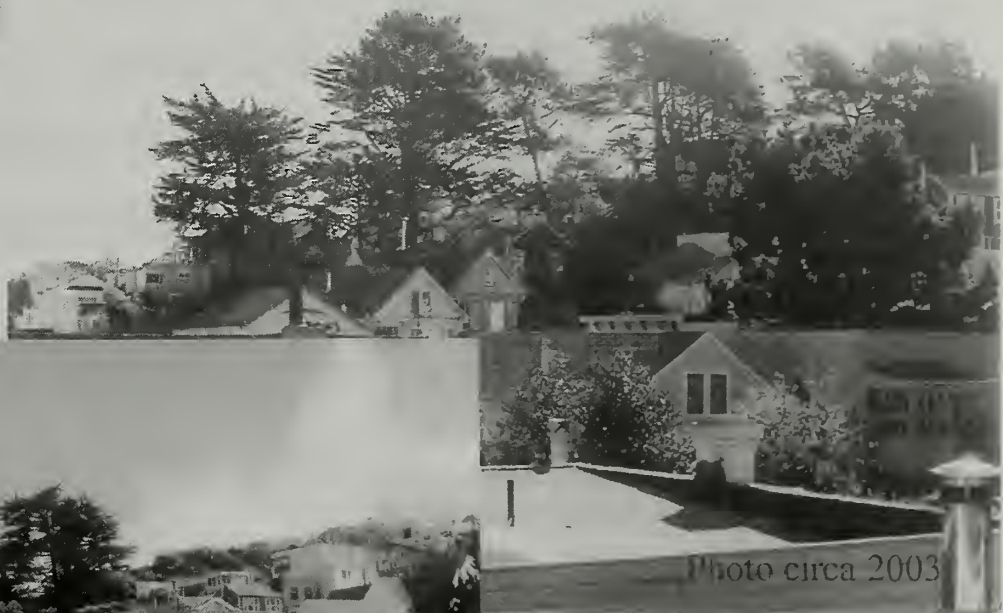


Photo circa 2003



Photo circa 2003

Conservation Status

Factors including the ecosystem, maintenance and level of vulnerability should be considered.

Cupressus

macrocarpa



The "Lone Cypress" near Monterey, California

Conservation status

Extinct
EX

Threatened

EW CR EN

Least Concern

lc

Conservation status

Vulnerable (IUCN 2.3)¹

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Pinophyta

Class: Pinopsida

Order: Pinales

Family: Cupressaceae

Genus: *Cupressus*

Species: *C. macrocarpa*

Binomial name

Cupressus

macrocarpa

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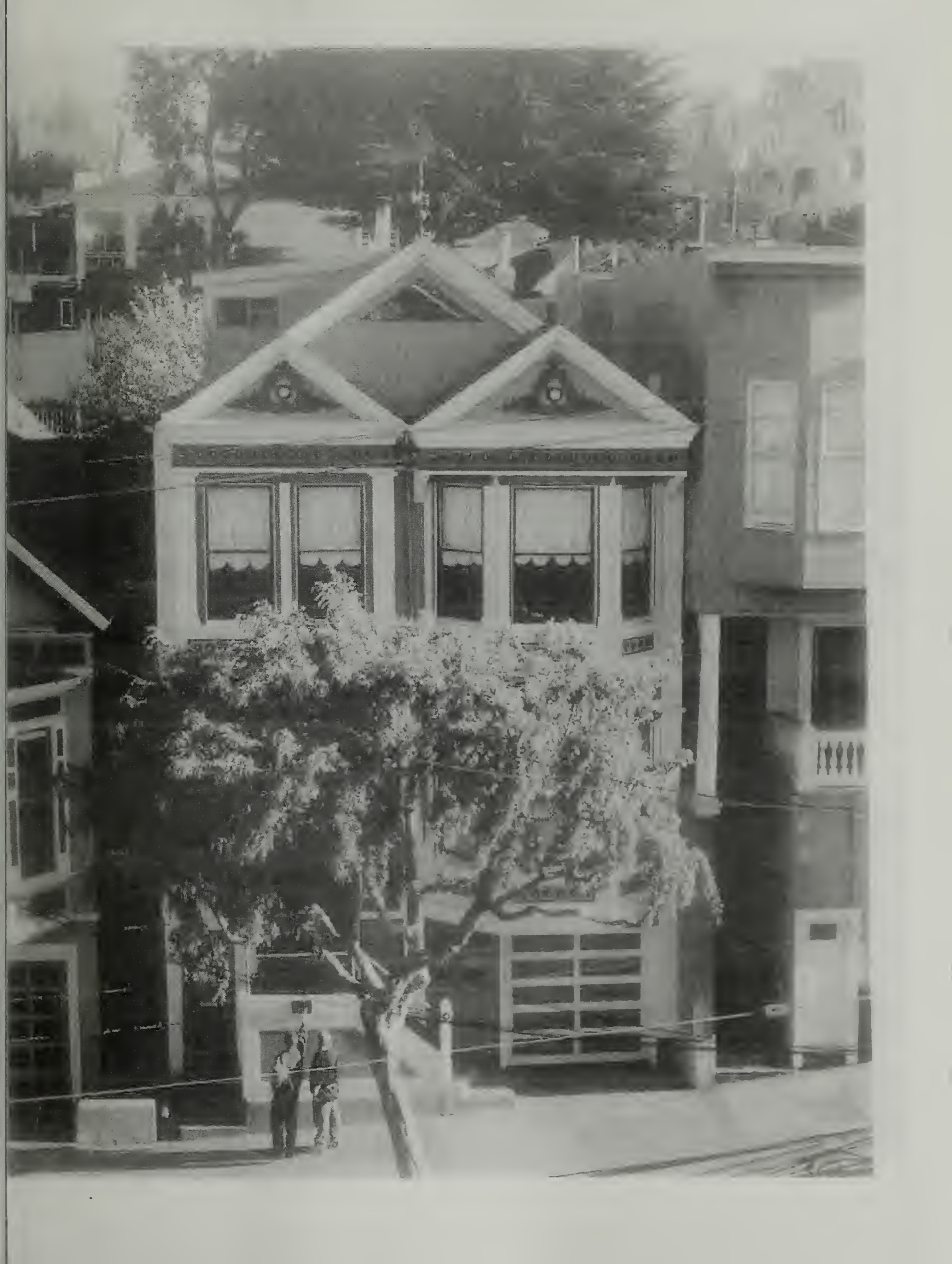
Excerpt wikipedia.com ref: Conifer Specialist Group (1998). *Cupressus macrocarpa*. 2006. *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*. IUCN 2006. <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>. Retrieved on 9 May 2006. Listed as Vulnerable (VU D2 v2.3)

Recommendation and Conclusion

- Ensure we protect this tree for current and future generations
- Ensure we provide the green space and habitat for wildlife
- Help to retain this tree for its beauty and majesty
- Help to lessen the diminished greenery of our city
- Reduce the vulnerability of this tree and species

**With your support the validation
of this tree as Landmark status
will be a great win for the Eureka
Valley Neighborhood, San
Francisco and its residents**

Question and Answers







September 07, 2010

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the request for Landmark Status for the tree at 4441 20th St, San Francisco. We have owned the house at 311/309 Eureka St, SF since 1963 and the tree extends over the top of our house. We hope to keep this house forever in our family. We are concerned that granting Landmark Status would impact our ability to make improvements to our house in the future. As the property owners of 311/309 Eureka St, adjoining the property upon which the tree is located, we ask that you do not grant this status.

Sincerely,

Josie Friel and Gabriel Friel

*Josie Friel
Gabe Friel*

Dear Urban Forestry Council,

I am writing regarding the request for Landmark Status for the tree at 4441 20th Street. My name is Myra Friel and I live at 311 Eureka Street in a building that has been owned by my family for over 46 years. Our property adjoins 4441 20th St and the tree canopies over my house and the apartment building next door to me. I appreciate and value this tree, but I have concerns that given the proximity of the tree to our building, the decision to grant Landmark status would have a far greater impact on our property than it would on the property owner who is requesting the Landmark status. For this reason, I am asking that you do not grant the tree Landmark status.

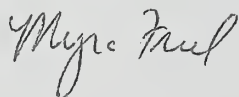
I have lived in this building for the last 17 years and our family has had a good relationship with George King during the time that he has lived at 4441 20th St.. I appreciate that he is passionate about the tree in his backyard and know that he has been actively soliciting support for his nomination widely throughout the neighborhood. It is easy for someone who lives blocks away to lend their support because this decision has no immediate impact on their lives or their property. In fact, this decision is not likely to negatively impact George's building or ability to make modifications to his building because the tree is at the back of his lot, closer to the buildings that adjoin his lot than his own.

I understand that the intent of the program is to provide protection for these trees, and when we make improvements to our property in the future, we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the tree. In fact, considering the proximity of the tree to our property and its size, it will be in our best interest to make responsible choices in order to keep the tree healthy and stable. The required tree protection isn't why we object to this nomination. Rather, it is the potential for this status to impede or prohibit any improvements we would like to make simply because there is a designated Landmark tree involved.

As I understand it, this is usually a decision undertaken by a property owner with the understanding that it could limit their ability to improve their house if it is close to the tree and is something that must be disclosed to potential buyers should they choose to sell their home. This designation is a major commitment and it is a decision that should be supported 100% by the property owners in close proximity to the nominated tree rather than a decision initiated by a single property owner. That isn't the case with this nomination.

We are committed to the safety and health of the tree but in order to balance that with our need to protect our family's legacy, we ask that you do not grant this tree Landmark status.

Thank you,
Myra Friel
311 Eureka Street

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myra Friel".

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Jocelyn Cohen

Date of evaluation: August 26, 2010

Scientific name: Cupressus macrocarpa

Common name: Monterey cypress

Street address: 4441 20th St, San Francisco, CA

Cross streets: Eureka

Rarity Yes Partially X No

Rarity: Rare Uncommon X Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Unusual to see a redwood of this size in a small San Francisco back garden

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: X Large Medium Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: _good trunk flare

Age: _____ Yes ☒ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: In an urban setting,

yes _____

Distinguished form: Yes ☒ No ☐

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: Single, three co-dominant stems at about 15'-18' height.

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Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: lots of inner growth, tree appears vigorous, this inner growth is very important on mature trees, as it gives arborists an opportunity to reduce end weight and prune to keep vigor in the inner canopy not just at the tips.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No ☒ X

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☐ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: ☐ Not to my knowledge, but I do not know when the tree was planted and the circumstances.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage:

☐ Postcard

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: The tree majestically graces the back garden corridor of the block

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe:

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe:

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: ☐ Visible from street and community of surrounding homes.

High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: ☐ It is calming to the cluster of homes surrounding the tree.

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Important wildlife habitat: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals. Hawks, raccoons and squirrels sighted regularly by home owner

Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: ☐

Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: The tree has a quieting effect

Cultural ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: ☐

Cultural appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: ☐ California native plant aficionados perhaps though thought not to be native to San Francisco ☐

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Glen park is known for its rustic, somewhat rural, foresty feel. The home and tree are within minutes of Glen Canyon Park. This tree resides behind a small Glen Park cottage tucked away as one may suspect in GP. The tree creates a very woodsy, wild feel.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: ☐

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: ☐

Additional comments

The Monterey cypress is another one of those back garden, urban forest surprises, and a residential park tucked away on a neighborhood street. The tree creates a monumental feeling as it towers above the homes in a tiny back garden parcel.

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Evaluator's name: Rose Hillson
 Date of evaluation: Aug 26, 2010
 Scientific name: Cupressus macrocarpa
 Common name: Monterey Cypress
 Street address: 4441 - 20th Street
 Cross streets: Eureka / 20th St.

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: _____

Physical Attributes ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

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Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: Large upright trunk approx. 4' in diameter, branches from 20' downward out off. Trunk splits into 3 at about 15' from grade. Each split about 18"-2ft in diameter. Each trunk split topped for a blunder shape. Some feathery wisps on top from last pruning.

Age: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Probably - unknown.

Distinguished form: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: Tree has been topped, but branches left at top has nice mounding form - needs to be to avoid corner house building and another adjoining house on Eureka, else branches would grow into the buildings.

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Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Appears to be healthy - lots of green growth in
inner parts of specimen. Appears to be good number
of seed cones.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: Unknown if tree was original planting
for this 1895 house or the area.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Can see from Eureka St. as well

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Another Monterey Cypress (large) across the street
Other trees in area - bigger ones in backyards

Interdependent group of trees: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Visible from Eureka St. and about 1/3 mi. away

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High traffic area: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: People see this large tree and may slow down on Eureka St.
where it's most visible. Traffic moderately busy for residential area.

Important wildlife habitat: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Raccoons in, ground + grey squirrel, hawks nested in tree in
the past.

Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: on flat ground in backyard that has lush vegetation
for soil control

Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: Wind buffer

Cultural ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: ☐ ? ☒ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Focal tree for adjacent neighbors.

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Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Focal point of garden - you can't miss it.

Additional comments

Last pruned in 2006; owner very good about
maintenance of tree to ensure healthy.
Monterey cypress in the wild get flat on top from being
wind-blown - this tree, although topped, still has
a gracefulness to it. Since the trunk is very
upright, it does not appear to have been
pushed by the wind to make it lean during
its lifetime

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: 18 August 2010

Scientific name: Cupressus macrocarpa

Common name: Monterey cypress

Street address: 4441-4443 20th Street

Cross streets: Eureka St.

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☐ Common ☒ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Although common in San Francisco parks, Monterey cypress are much less common in residential areas of the city.

Physical Attributes ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: Diameter estimated at ~48 inches.

Age: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: _____

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: The tree has been well cared for and pruned and is a good example of the species, with majestic form.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Tree has three co-dominant stems with some occluded bark, but overall condition is good.
The tree is pruned every five years and as-needed following wind storms.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: A tree of this size provides significant environmental benefits to city residents.

Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ☒ Yes ☐ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: The tree supports a significant understory of tree ferns and other small species.

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: _____

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High traffic area: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Erosion control: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: The tree sits at the top of a very steep hill, however, the majority of the area is hardscape and unlikely to be subjected to erosion.

Wind or sound barrier: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Cultural ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: Many letters of appreciation were received from the neighbors in support of landmark status.

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Describe coverage: _____

Describe, attach photo if possible: The tree is a beautiful example of a “signature” San Francisco species.

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Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui
Date of evaluation: August 18, 2010
Scientific name: *Cupressus macrocarpa*
Common name: Monterey cypress
Street address: 4441-4443 20th Street
Cross streets: Eureka

Rarity ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Rarity: ☐ Rare ☐ Uncommon ☒ Common ☐ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: The species is one of two widely recognized "signature trees" of San Francisco.

Physical Attributes ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Size: ☒ Large ☐ Medium ☐ Small

Comment: It's taller than the neighboring buildings, estimate 80'.

Age: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Comment: It appears to be significantly advanced in age.

Distinguished form: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: It is generally reminiscent of the typical growth pattern of these trees in the City.

Tree condition: ☒ Good ☐ Poor ☐ Hazard

Describe: The tree has three co-dominate stems. The southern-most stem has a better spacing than the remaining two stems, which have included bark. The two stems with included bark hang over the adjacent properties to the West. The tree's location is very close to the Western edge of the property – the side of the trunk is roughly 6" away from the wall bordering the property. The canopy on this side of the tree hangs over the neighboring properties almost to the street.

Historical ☐ Yes ☐ Partially ☒ No

Historical Association: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Describe nature of appreciation: The property owner provided a detailed site history, though I generally think of this category to regard associations with important people or places of historical note. While the site history was indeed interesting, I did not think this was exhibited.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Describe coverage: The property owner provided a greeting card in which the tree can be seen, though I generally think of this category to be regarding articles, papers, or books where the specimen is specifically mentioned or described, or in the case of rarity or historical association, descriptions of the species importance to the area.

Environmental ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe, attach photo if possible: The tree can be seen from several vantage points around the neighborhood, including some at great distance, and is an important feature to the garden of the property where it grows. It is highly visible on Eureka street.

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Low tree density: ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High
Describe:

Interdependent group of trees: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: Many plants are growing as understory to this tree that benefit from it's wind protection and/or shade, including tree ferns and a vine maple, as well as many smaller plants, such as several staghead ferns.

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: Extremely visible. Not only to the immediately surrounding streets, but also, as noted above, from many points throughout the neighborhood and at some distance.

High traffic area: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: Eureka Street is fairly busy for a neighborhood street.

Important wildlife habitat: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe: I did not observe any, though the homeowner reports that there is some.

Erosion control: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: While a deck area has been built that covers the majority of the backyard area of the property, and this deck obscures the view of the land beneath, the property owner showed the significance of the slope beneath. It's difficult to ascertain whether or not retaining walls are hold soil back, or if the tree is having a significant contribution to erosion in the area, but it is very possible that the tree is doing so.

Wind or sound barrier: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: This tree may very well be providing wind and sound barriers – likely these benefits are mostly provided to the properties which the tree overhangs and the properties to the East of the tree.

Cultural ☒ Yes ☐ Partially ☐ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ☒ Yes ☐ None apparent

Describe: We received multiple letters of support as a result of the homeowner's outreach campaign.

Cultural appreciation: ☐ Yes ☒ None apparent

Describe nature of appreciation: While I couldn't find evidence of importance to a particular cultural or ethnic group or community for either this particular specimen, it is worth noting that the tree is one of San Francisco's "signature tree" species, and therefore of wide general importance to the City's urban forest.

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: Eureka Street has many older buildings and a lot of San Francisco charm. The tree itself is charming in this backdrop of buildings and its scale is notable in comparison to the surrounding built environment and hilly landscape.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ☐ Yes ☒ Unknown

Describe: Unknown

Prominent landscape feature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: It's very large and prominently displayed within and outside of the garden

September 8, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request that the tree at 4441 20th Street (at Eureka Street) not be granted landmark status.

I know that the property owner has a personal connection to the tree and feels very strongly about it but I don't feel this that this warrants the nomination of this tree. The type of tree that has been nominated is fairly common in the neighborhood and the significance of this to they city at large is not clear to me. There is one cypress tree on the next block to the east of Eureka Street, and several on the hill directly to the west of Eureka Street. They are all beautiful no doubt, but I don't see what is unique about the one at 4441 20th Street that it should be considered Landmark.

The landmark status places a large number of restrictions on the property on which the tree resides and the adjoining properties. I could imagine supporting this nomination if the tree only impacted the requestor's property, but that is not the case. A tree should only be granted landmark status with the consent and agreement of the adjoining property owners.

Thank you,



Emily Scott
311 Eureka Street
San Francisco, Ca

This is the property of the romance



This image shows the location of the tree and my house (indicated by the arrow).



"Ariel K. Ford"

06/30/2010 09:30 AM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject Cypress tree at 4441 20th Street - landmark status
nomination support

Dear Meiling and the SF Environment Group –

Thank you for your call today. I am emailing in support of the nomination of the large Monterey Cypress tree at 4441 20th Street for historical and landmark status.

We live next door to the house where this tree resides, and enjoy great benefits from it. It shades are property, provides a wonderful view, and adds greatly to the feeling of a more natural environment in our busy urban area.

The property owner at 4441 20th Street has impeccably maintained this tree over the years. The physical health of the tree is excellent. The canopy is large and well-maintained every year. The tree is very old and has great environmental impact to our neighborhood. It towers above all other trees and houses in our neighborhood, giving a wonderful sense of greenery and "nature" to our blocks. It has been here for decades before any of us ever arrived, and is really a landmark for our area. We love the idea that the tree holds the history of our block – the settlers and workers who built the Castro enjoyed it's beauty before we arrived – and our children will be able to enjoy it long after we are gone. It can be seen from every house in the area, and is a joy to see for passer-bys. Many people stop and take pictures of it's majestic beauty.

I hope the city can support our neighbor's desire to make this a "landmark" tree. Please feel free to contact me if you need any more information or support. All the best, Ariel Ford



"Kevin Peters"

07/12/2010 10:48 AM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject 20th and Eureka Streets

Dear Mei Ling Hui and the Urban Forestry Council –

Please let this email serve as my support for the petition, submitted by George King, to receive Landmark Status for the 85ft Monterey Cypress tree located on the southeast corner of 20th and Eureka Streets in San Francisco. I am a neighborhood resident and can testify to the beauty and majesty offered by the subject tree.

Sincerely,

Kevin Peters

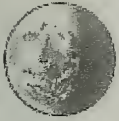
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Jesse Taggart

07/12/2010 03:10 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject 20th and Eureka Tree

Hi,

I am writing to support the move to make the 85ft Monterey Cypress at 20th and Eureka Streets a Landmark Status.

I live nearby and appreciate the tree.

Jesse Taggart Eureka St, SF, CA



"Brian Milford"

07/12/2010 04:20 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject Landmark Tree petition

I would like to offer my support of the petition by George King to extend landmark protection status to the Cypress tree located at 4441 20th Street.

I worked as Mr. King's architect on a remodel project several years ago and can still recall the unique and beautiful tree. I believe it is a unique asset to the neighborhood and is worthy of protection.

Thank you,
Brian Milford
Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102



Vulcan

07/13/2010 08:30 AM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Eureka Monterey Cypress

Dear M. Hui,

I support Mr. King's effort to designate the Monterey Cypress on Eureka Street landmark status. The tree is a beautiful resident of this neighborhood and should be protected.

Thank you,

Steven Jones

Eureka Street resident



Susan Lally

07/14/2010 02:19 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

cc

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Subject Support for Landmark Tree on Eureka Street/20th street

Hello Mei -

Please add my name to the list of supporters to designate the Monterey Cypress on Eureka @ 20th street as a Landmark Tree. The tree fits the distinction nicely, with its origins traced to the origin of the neighborhood. In the years immediately before and after the 1906 earthquake, Eureka street began to fill with new residents - some of them displaced from after the earthquake, and others simply settling into their first homes. Planting this tree was a way for new settlers to call this area their home, and against odds, this tree, now 85 feet in height, stands as a proud reminder of the neighborhood's past.

The neighbors of this block actively promote the planting and preservation of street trees, out of appreciation for the benefits that trees provide. The Monterey Cypress is exceptionally regarded by myself and other neighbors for its maturity and its beauty. Many of us would love to see it granted Landmark status.

Warmest regards,
Susan Lally
Eureka Street
San Francisco, CA 94114



Andrea Tosi

07/15/2010 01:07 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Support of petition of landmark

I am hereby expressing my support in protection of the Monterrey cypress on the South East
corner of 20th st
and Eureka St. in SF CA 94114

The petition is initiated by George King of SF

Signed

Andrea Tosi

Eureka ST

94114

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www.repeace.com



"Michelle Horneff-Cohen"

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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07/17/2010 08:12 PM

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Subject Support of George King Petition

I am in support of George King's petition for landmark tree status.

Michelle L. Horneff-Cohen, Broker, CCRM, RMP^(R)
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Ronald Clancy

07/19/2010 03:32 PM

To Meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Yes to Petition Landmark Status for Monterey Cypress s/m:
George King

Dear Ms. Hui,

Please add my name to the petition for those supporting Landmark Tree Status for the Monterey Cypress on t

Previous to a recent move to the East Bay, I was a 26-year resident of a San Francisco neighborhood close to skyline, and for its invaluable 100 plus years of ecological and environmental importance. I have always thou know that it needs to be protected from physical damage and/or it's elimination.

Thank you for this, and for all of the beneficial work that you do.

Ronald W. Clancy
Eleventh Avenue
Oakland, CA 94605



~GAMartin

To melling.hui@sfgov.org

cc

07/19/2010 09:07 PM

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Please respond to

Subject Urban Forestry Council

I am in favor of the the neighborhood petition to support landmark tree status and George King in his desire to achieve the same



"Kelly Cytron"

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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07/22/2010 03:11 PM

Please respond to

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Subject Landmark Status for tree @ 20th & Eureka

Dear Mei Ling,

I live @ 22nd & Eureka. I feel the Monterey Cypress tree @ 20th & Eureka beautifies the neighborhood and must be protected from being removed.

This is why I'm asking you to grant the tree Landmark Tree Status because of it's ecological value, historic significance and so it can continue to provide beauty to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kelly

eureka street

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry



"Dan Richman"

07/22/2010 07:39 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject Landmark

Please help to give the Monterey Cypress at 20th and Eureka Streets Landmark Status.

Yours,

Dan Richman
21st and Eureka



"Gary Narramore"

07/24/2010 03:55 PM

Please respond to

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject 20th & Euereka Monterey Cypress tree

I wish to express my support of the George King petition for designation of this tree to San Francisco Landmark status.

Gary Narramore
Seward Street
San Francisco, CA 94114



Antony TY

07/26/2010 03:37 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

cc

bcc

Subject petition support - land mark tree status

my name is antony tyshuk and i am the property owner at 77 diamond street SF
i am writing in support of george king and his effort to landmark tree status
the 85ft monterey cyprus tree on the southeast corner of 20th and eureka street

thank you

SFUrbanForestCouncil/ENV/
SFGOV

08/03/2010 09:56 AM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

cc

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Subject Fw: Support/Sign Landmark Tree at 20th & Eureka

-----Forwarded by SFUrbanForestCouncil/ENV/SFGOV on 08/03/2010 09:56AM -----

To: SFUrbanForestCouncil@sfgov.org

From: Bruce McCormick

Date: 07/27/2010 06:05PM

Subject: Support/Sign Landmark Tree at 20th & Eureka

Mei Ling Hui:

Please allow this email to serve as my signature for the petition to designate the Monterey Cypress at 20th & Eureka St/ on George King's property, a "Landmark Tree." It is 85 years old and is a true, neighborhood landmark and of significant historical and aesthetic value!

Thank you

Bruce McCormick

Caselli Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94114



Doug Garfinkel

07/30/2010 12:39 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

cc

bcc

Subject Support for landmark tree status -- cypress at 20th and Eureka St

Dear Ms. Hui,

I understand from a letter from George King that the city is looking at landmark status for this tree, and would like to add my name to San Franciscans in support of landmark status. Not only is this a beautiful native tree worthy of preservation, but our otherwise beautiful city has far too few trees already.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Garfinkel
Eureka St
SF, CA 94114
email to:



"Andy Zimmerman"

08/01/2010 07:04 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject In Support of Monterey Cyprus

Hi Meiling, I'm writing in support of George King's petition to assign landmark status to the Monterey Cyprus located on the Southeast corner of 20th and Eureka Streets. Thank you.

Regards,

Andy Zimmerman

Caselli Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94114



"Gwen Evans"

08/02/2010 09:26 AM

Please respond to
"Gwen Evans"

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject Landmark Status

Dear Ms. Hui,

I support George King's petition.

Gwen Evans



TimGullicksen@aol.com
08/02/2010 12:44 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org
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Subject Landmark Tree Support

Hi Mei Ling,

I live in the Castro and love the big Monterey Cypress on the corner of 20th and Eureka Streets. I sincerely hope the city will place the tree into the Landmark Tree Program.

Tim Gullicksen
Casto Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
Cell
Office .



"Stevenson Browne"

08/02/2010 12:44 PM

To "Mei Ling Hui" <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject Landmark Tree Status

Mei Ling Hui: I would like to support the petition of George King to designate the Monterey Cypress tree on the SE corner of 20th and Eureka Street with Landmark Tree Status.

Stevenson Browne
Collingwood Street
San Francisco, CA 94114



Jack McGowan

08/03/2010 08:33 AM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Petition of George King of 20th and Eureka Sts. San Francisco

Dear Mei Ling Hui: I write in support of George King's petition to protect the Monterey Cypress on his property at 20th and Eureka Sts. in San Francisco. I live two blocks away and walk my dog past this lovely tree daily - it's such a beauty - it deserves all the protection you can afford it.

University of California

CEE

Jack McGowan
Administrative Officer
California Institute for Energy & Environment
University of California
Addison Street - 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704
Phone

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MARY LAWRENCE

08/05/2010 12:29 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Landmark Tree Status Summer 2010

I support George King's efforts to have the 85 ft. Monterey Cypress tree get Landmark Tree Status. The tree is located on the southeast corner of 20th and Eureka Streets.

Mary Lawrence
Collingwood St
SF, 94114



"S. Brett Kaufman"

08/09/2010 01:33 PM

To <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject cypress tree at 20th & eureka

Hello,

I am writing to support the petition to make the 85ft Monterey Cypress tree at the above address, landmark status.

Thank you,

S. Brett Kaufman &
Charles Brown

19th Street 94114



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09/02/2010 09:34 PM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Subject Support of tree's Landmark status at 20th/Eureka

Dear Mei Ling,

I was recently informed of efforts to obtain Landmark Status for the Monterey Cypress tree located on the southeast corner of 20th and Eureka streets. As a Eureka Street resident, I fully support the recognizing and designating it as such through San Francisco's Landmark Tree Program.

We are a leader amongst first-class cities around the world when it comes to understanding the significance of a healthy environment, let alone demonstrating a high level of respect for our planet and the gifts "Mother Nature" has given us. Our neighborhoods need to keep what trees we have and the historical meaning this older tree has is too valuable to dismiss it as anything less than a deserved monument and tribute to those who preceded us and built this city. Just as we take care of our elderly citizens, I recommend we do the same to older bio-diversity.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Brian Campbell
Eureka Street
94114



David Falzone

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09/08/2010 10:21 AM

To "meiling.hui@sfgov.org" <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>

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Subject eureka street Monterey Cyprus

Hello, I am writing to express my support of George King's petition to award landmark tree status to the Monterey Cyprus located on the Southwest corner of eureka and 20th street. I have been a resident of this neighborhood for the past 6 years and greatly appreciate the value of such distinguished and beneficial old tree growth in our area.

Many thanks for your consideration,

~David

David Charles Falzone
Manager of Donor Relations
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TO: Mei Ling Hui

We are writing to express our support of ~~Mei Ling Hui~~ George King's petition for Landmark Status for his ~~place~~^{tree} which he has been caretaker of since 1996.

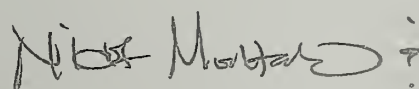
Being members of the community where the tree resides we understand the importance of protecting it as it has protected us. Trees are an important part of any environment and especially an urban one, they help to clean the air, provide shelter and tell us about our history; who planted it? when? etc.

We urge you to grant this beautiful old tree the Landmark Status it deserves.

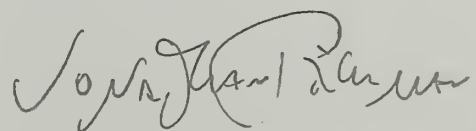
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San Francisco, CA
94114

Thank you,



Nicole Mortalbano



Jonathan Richman

We discussed potential changes to the full council meeting schedule at the Planning and Funding Committee Meeting; points for consideration were:

- Respect Council Member's commitment – we are mostly volunteers
 - Some meetings are consistently less well attended than others (summer meetings, meetings that are held at the same time as professional association meetings)
- Conserve our limited resources of support staff and time
- Revive the structure of members suggesting ideas/topics to Urban Forestry Coordinator, and Urban Forestry Coordinator and Council Chair meeting to discuss and agendaize. Group will prioritize.
- Compare our schedule to the Commission on the Environment schedule – they have 6 meetings
 - How well they function is not dependant on how many times they meet but rather how well they are functioning in committee and small group meetings

We came up with three variations:

Keep as is 11 meetings – no meeting in November

Reduce to 9 meetings – no meeting in April, July and November

Reduce to 6 meetings – no meeting in February, April, June, July, September and November

If we decide to make changes, the meetings will retain their current structure – ie. Tuesday evening meetings will retain their Tuesday evening time slot and Friday morning meetings will retain their Friday morning time slots to avoid room and time changes which could be very challenging to accommodate.



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CITY HALL, ROOM 400, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT JR. PLACE
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF
THE SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 416**

This notice is issued pursuant to Article XI – Amendment of Bylaws of the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council requiring circulation of proposed amendments in writing to all Council Members and noticed to the public at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. The Urban Forestry Council will discuss and vote on amending its meeting schedule in Article VI – Meetings, Section 5 to delete meeting requirements in April and July as follows:

Article VI – Meetings

Section 5: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held monthly on the fourth Friday of January, March, May, ~~July~~, September and the second Friday in December at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Room 400 and on the 4th Tuesday in February, ~~April~~, June, August, and October at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room 416 beginning in March 2009. No regular meeting shall be scheduled for November. This information shall be posted on the Department of Environment's website.

This is to certify that the above notice was issued and posted on October 13, 2010.

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Council Members: Maria D'Agostino (Chair), Chris Buck (San Francisco Department of Public Works—Vice Chair), Jocelyn Cohen, Larry Costello, Malcolm Hillan, Rose Hillson, Terry Milne, Bonnie Ora Sherk, AnMarie Rodgers (San Francisco Planning Department), and Kelaine Vargas; (1 Vacancy); **Advisory Members:** Mike Barrow (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Susan Nervo (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department); San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (Vacant); National Park Service (Vacant)

Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui

Commission Secretary: Monica Fish

**Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.
Order of Business**

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Public Comment

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Posted: October 20, 2010

1 [Amend Urban Forestry Council Bylaws]

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4 **Council Meeting Schedule to delete meeting requirements in April and July.**

5 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council at its September 24, 2010 meeting suggested that
6 due to budget limitations, the Council should consider and vote on a Bylaws amendment to delete
7 meeting requirements in April and July; now therefore be it,

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9 Bylaws amendment to "Article VI-Meetings; Section 5: Meetings" to delete meeting requirements in
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11 **Article VI – Meetings**

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17 the Department of Environment's website.

18 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular
19 Meeting on October 26, 2010.

20 _____
21 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

22 VOTE:

23 Ayes:

24 Noes:

25 Absent:



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Teacher Workshop Evaluation Form

Workshop Date 10-11

Overall quality and usefulness of workshop

Not Effective 1

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Very Effective



What part of the workshop was the most useful? WET YOUR APPETITE



What do you suggest to improve the workshop?



What other environmental education services would you like to see our program offer?



How can our program better assist your school with implementing waste prevention programs?

Get smaller recycling/composting trucks
that can get into ~~up~~ our driveway

Thanks for your feedback!

If you would like us to contact you regarding your requests or comments, please provide your name, school name, and/or email address:



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CITY HALL, ROOM 416**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
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DRAFT MINUTES**

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the meeting schedule stated that a reduction in meetings may not allow for adequate time to hear and respond to public tree concerns, to meet Landmark Tree Ordinance requirements, and would reduce the visibility of the Council.

Member Rodgers motioned to amend Resolution File No. 2010-09-UFC to reduce the Council meeting schedule to every other month (six meetings a year). Chair D'Agostino seconded the motion with an amendment that the meeting schedule would be every other month utilizing the current schedule (AYES: Chair D'Agostino and Member Rodgers; NOES: Vice-Chair Buck, Members Cohen, Hillan, Hillson, Milne and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello and Vargas). This motion did not pass--Vote 2-5.

Member Hillan motioned, second by Vice-Chair Buck to approve Resolution File No. 2010-09-UFC to amend the Council Bylaws to delete meeting requirements in April and July (AYES: Chair D'Agostino, Vice-Chair Buck, and Member Hillan; NOES: Members Cohen, Hillson, Milne and Sherk; Absent: Members Costello and Vargas). This motion did not pass—Vote 3-4.

This agenda item was continued to the December 10, 2010 meeting.

5. Update on the Urban Forest Annual Report. Speaker: Mei Ling Hui (Informational Report and Discussion) (Explanatory Document: Annual Urban Forest Report Survey Responses)

Council Coordinator Hui distributed an “Annual Urban Forest Report Survey Responses” matrix of all responses received to date and reported on agencies that have not responded. She stated that twenty agencies were contacted, ten of which have provided responses as shown in the matrix. The Council was asked for their assistance with providing agency contacts and any additional contacts they would like to have surveyed. Chair D'Agostino offered Council support for contacting agencies. Council Coordinator Hui stated that she would submit a Draft Annual Report for review at the November 18, 2010 Planning and Funding Committee meeting. A final Draft would be forwarded to the full Council for approval at the December 10 meeting.

6. Staff Report. Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Informational Report and Discussion)

Council Coordinator Hui reported that the majority of her time has been spent working on the Annual Urban Forest Report survey. She reported that the tree at 46 Stillings Street that the Council endorsed for landmark tree status was approved by the Board of Supervisors. All relevant agencies were notified and the landmark tree web page has been updated. Pending at the Board of Supervisors are the three trees the Council endorsed at 2040 Sutter Street, and the tree that the Council forwarded without recommendation at 4441 – 20th Street. Council Coordinator Hui reported that funding has been received through the Strategic Growth Council for the San Francisco Planning Department to complete its work on the Urban Forest Plan. An invitation would be extended to Mr. Andres Power, Planning Department's project manager on the Urban Forest Plan, to present an update to the Council at the December 10 meeting.

7. Committee Reports: (Informational Reports and Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.

Planning and Funding Committee Chair Buck reported that the October Planning and Funding Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. He asked Council members to bring forth discussions to the Planning and Funding Committee about any large-scale projects or greening initiatives that may be related to urban forestry. Committee Chair Buck explained that one of the charges in the Council Bylaws is to weigh in on large-scale projects that impact the urban forest in some way.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report. Landmark Tree Committee Chair Hillan did not issue a report at this time.

8. Chair's Announcements: Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)

Council Chair D'Agostino reported on her attendance at a North Beach parklet festivity and suggested that Council Members attend future festivities as a way to offer support. She reported on her discussions with Mr. Andres Power, San Francisco Planning Department Project Manager, about presenting at a future Council meeting on the status of the Urban Forest Plan and the parklet program. She announced that Council Member Vargas received an award for her work on the Urban Forest Map at a California Urban Forest meeting in Temecula.

9. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information and Discussion).

Council Coordinator Hui and Member Sherk reported on e-mail correspondence received from a member of the public who was concerned that there is a Recreation and Parks Department site where a lot of mature and healthy trees would be removed so that gardens can be created. This individual would like to see the trees remain and a compromise design created. Member Sherk inquired about the process for the Council to hold a discussion about this topic. Ms. Fish explained that a Council member who wishes to sponsor this agenda item would complete a scheduling request form and send it back to either the Council Secretary or Coordinator. If the public member wishes to speak during public comment on items not on the agenda, the Council is limited to (a) briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public, (b) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or (3) directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda

Dr. Costello joined the meeting at this time.

Member Rodgers announced that the Planning Department has released a document called *Standards for Bird Safe Buildings* that reports on the large amount of casualties from birds flying into structures, specifically glass windows. San Francisco is entering the leading edge by inviting policy to address this issue. She asked that the Council review and provide comment on the document that addresses this important environmental issue. See link to document--http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/files/publications_reports/bird_safe_bldgs/Standards_for_Bird_Safe_Buildings_DRAFT_OCT2010.pdf.

Member Cohen reported on limitations with the Planning Department's Tree Disclosure Statement and future work on legislation to protect trees during construction. She stated that her impression was that the Tree Disclosure Statement required disclosure of all trees on the property, and that all construction had to follow these procedures, but found that a lot of permits were approved by Department of Building Inspection and not the Planning Department and did not follow these procedures. Chair D'Agostino stated that potential next steps would be to identify who is charged with implementing tree protection measures. She suggested (1) following-up with Friends of the Urban Forest who has been working and gathering

information on this issue, (2) bringing this issue to the Planning and Funding Committee for discussion, or (3) creating a Work Group. Member Rodgers expressed her willingness to be part of the Work Group and suggested involving a representative from the Department of Building Inspection.

Vice-Chair Buck discussed the loss of street trees due to installation of new garages. He reported on an over-the-counter permit that was issued for a new garage in which the site had a street tree and significant tree in the way. He reported on neighbor concern that there were no postings issued about this project. Vice-Chair Buck suggested a discussion at the Planning and Funding Committee on tree protection issues in general.

Council Chair D'Agostino reported on a presentation at a conference she attended in Tucson, Arizona, on the positive impact of greening schoolyards and children's ability to do well in school. The study would be published in a science journal that she offered to share with Council Members once it is published. Chair D'Agostino offered to share the PowerPoint presentation with Council members at a future meeting and to invite Mr. Nik Kaestner, Sustainability Director of the San Francisco Unified School District, or at another venue.

Council Coordinator Hui discussed Council vacancies and provided membership updates. She reported that Mr. Dan Flanagan, Friends of the Urban Forest Director, has applied for a Council seat. Ms. Fish reported that the current membership term expires on November 18, 2010 and explained the reapplication process. She also reported on a call received from a member of the public who expressed interest in a Council seat and she had guided to the application process. Council Coordinator Hui reported that Council Members have holdover rights until someone is either appointed in their stead or until they are reappointed. Member Sherk requested a list of seats that members occupy that Council Secretary Fish agreed to provide.

10. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. There was no public comment at this time.

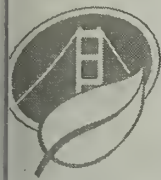
11. Adjournment. The Urban Forestry Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, December 10, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400, City Hall.

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Respectfully submitted by Monica Fish, Council Secretary
Approved: December 10, 2010



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Council Coordinator: Mei Ling Hui

Commission Secretary: Monica Fish

**Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.
Order of Business**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: October 26, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 4. Review and Adoption of the Draft 2010 Urban Forest Annual Report.** Council Coordinator Mei Ling Hui will present the final draft of the 2010 Annual Urban Forest Report for discussion and adoption by the Council. (Presentation, Discussion and Action)
- 5. Urban Forestry Council Discussion and Vote on Draft Resolution File No. 2010-09-UFC to amend its Bylaws to delete the Urban Forestry Council's Meeting Requirements for the April and July Meetings.** (Continued from the October 26, 2010 Meeting) Sponsor and Speaker: Chair D'Agostino (Explanatory Documents: Draft Resolution File No. 2010-09-UFC) (Discussion and Action)
- 6. Approval of Draft Resolution File No. 2010-10-UFC commending Susan Nervo, Recreation and Park Department representative, for her service to the Urban Forestry Council.** (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution File No. 2010-10-UFC) (Discussion and Action)

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7. **Approval of Draft Resolution File No. 2010-11-UFC commending AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department representative, for her service to the Urban Forestry Council.** (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution File No. 2010-11-UFC) (Discussion and Action)
8. **Staff Report.** Staff will provide updates on Urban Forestry Council administrative and programmatic operations relating to research, planning, funding, outreach, and other related activities. (Informational Report and Discussion)
9. **Committee Reports:** (Informational Reports and Discussion)
Planning & Funding Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Room 421.
Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Report
10. **Chair's Announcements:** Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Information and Discussion)
11. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information and Discussion).
12. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
13. **Adjournment.**

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400, City Hall.

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

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SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT, DECEMBER 2010

Submitted to Mayor Gavin Newsom and the Board of Supervisors by the Department of the Environment, pursuant to San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 12 Sec. 1209.

Executive Summary

This report of the Urban Forestry Council provides the Mayor and Board of Supervisors with information on the state of San Francisco's urban forest. Included is information on overall urban forest structure, overall urban forest value, street tree structure, street tree function and value, current management structure, and opportunities for improving our urban forest.

Of the twenty agencies and organizations asked to respond, fourteen provided information on their programmatic operations and suggestions on opportunities for improvement. These agencies reported 112 fulltime staff plus 107 part time staff or staff that dedicated a portion of their fulltime work hours to urban forest programs, with additional services provided by contractors and volunteers. The combined agencies planted 3717 trees, cared for between 12,603 and 20,108 trees, and removed between 875 and 880 trees from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This work was performed on trees managed by the City, which accounts for less than half of the total urban forest. These agencies and organizations had a dedicated forestry related budget totaling \$15.4M with an additional \$1.375M in broader landscaping contracts that included some forestry work.

The most recent comprehensive study of our urban forest, The San Francisco Bay Area State of the Urban Forest, published by the USDA Forest Service's Center for Urban Forest Research (CUFR) in December of 2007, estimates San Francisco's canopy coverage to be roughly 16% with a total of about 669K trees. This report finds the benefits provided by our urban forest to be worth \$103,475,877, with the greatest benefits derived from property value and hydrology-related issues. Hydrological benefits alone are worth an estimated \$4,444,309. While these two benefits alone comprise an estimated 99.3% of the direct environmental benefits provided by our city's trees, Mayor Newsom reported at the Mayor's Earth Day Breakfast this April that inclusion of the full value of the carbon sink of the urban forest in the City's Climate Action Plan for the first time this year is responsible for the City's achievement of not only meeting but exceeding the Kyoto protocol's emission reduction goals. While these resources are important, less easily quantifiable benefits may have a greater impact to the average city-dweller; for example, the ability of trees to enhance street life by creating more livable spaces through beautification, reducing the speed of vehicular traffic, and positively affecting area commerce.

While San Francisco's estimated 110,000 street trees are on par with the statewide street tree average, there are many opportunities to increase the resource extent. The 2003 City of San Francisco, CA, Street Tree Resource Analysis, also published by CUFR, estimates that of these sites, the most densely planted neighborhoods have an average rate of 28% unused potential planting locations, while underserved neighborhoods typically see unused possible planting location rates of up to 74%. This inconsistent distribution of the urban forest is potentially an important environmental justice issue. Recent tree planting efforts have focused on these neighborhoods, but more work and resources must be allocated.

San Francisco's urban forest management is divided among many managing agencies and stakeholders. Based on reported information from these stakeholders, we can assume that approximately 40% of the city's trees are on public lands, with additional trees that are privately owned but regulated by the City through the Significant tree and Landmark tree designations.

Many organizations cited ongoing concerns regarding lack of ability to provide adequate care to trees within their jurisdiction due to long-term funding and staffing issues. This is important to note, as this lack of funding has led to the requirement that private property owners care for publicly owned trees, which results in significant canopy loss due to illegal removal and improper pruning. The illegal removal of public trees is a serious concern. DPW reports █ citations issued for illegal removal and pruning this year; these figures are not included in the numbers presented above. Urban forest managers continue to be concerned with the lack of coordination among urban forest stakeholders and managers and ability to communicate effectively with the general public to highlight the importance of projects, obtain community support of forestry related projects, and ensure proper management of urban trees.

This report is compiled based on agency response and does not include all information on all urban forestry work within the City and County of San Francisco. If any agencies and organizations that did not meet the deadline for inclusion in this report submit program data in the future, a supplemental report will be drafted.

Urban Forestry Management and Funding: *Opportunities and Challenges*

This report provides an overview of the activities, accomplishments and challenges of government agencies and nonprofit organizations working on urban forestry in San Francisco, based on information that participating agencies and organizations provided for this report.

San Francisco's urban forest is comprised of both publicly and privately owned trees, in open spaces, in privately maintained landscapes, and in the public right of way. The maintenance responsibility of city trees is divided amongst multiple stakeholders, which have their own governing regulations, practices, and operations.

The Urban Forestry Council (UFC) identified and contacted twenty urban forest managers and stakeholders, including public, private, and nonprofit partners, which had potentially significant impacts on the overall state of San Francisco's urban forest for information regarding their programmatic operations between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 in preparation of this report.

The following entities responded:

The Recreation and Parks Department (RPD)
San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
The Port Authority (PORT)
San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA)
San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)
The University of California in San Francisco (UCSF)
The Planning Department (Planning)
The California Department of Forestry and Fire (CalFire)
General Hospital for the Department of Public Health (DPH)
A Living Library
Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF).
Department of Public Works (DPW)
San Francisco State University (SFSU)

The following entities did not respond:

The Municipal Transit Authority (MTA)
The Botanical Gardens at Strybing Arboretum (Strybing)
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)
The Presidio Trust
City College of San Francisco (CCSF)
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PGE)

The many stakeholders listed above should not be considered a comprehensive list of all city foresters. This divided approach has led to uncoordinated management of the urban forest. Some believe this lack of coordination has led to inconsistent management that, in turn, has led to the loss of large numbers of trees through improper care and removal. Others counter that the individual entities' ability to focus on their defined portion of responsibility ensures all parts of the urban forest are receiving some care. All stakeholders agree, however, that there are not enough resources applied to the management of our public trees for urban forest managers to be able to provide an adequate level of care to ensure a healthy and sustainable urban forest.

The responded agencies reported a combined budget committed to urban forest programming of \$15.4M for fiscal year 2009-2010. Of this, \$494K was dedicated to contracts to the Department of Public Works to and private companies for forestry work, while the remainder funded the operating costs of the organization's own programming - personnel, equipment, materials, etc.

Reducing the time between prunings of urban trees increases their lifespan. At current funding levels, RPD estimates that they can visit each tree within their jurisdiction only once every 54 years.

To reach an adequate tree care cycle, RPD would need four times their current staffing and program levels. With a current operating budget of \$3.25M, this means they could require an annual budget of almost \$13M to properly manage their trees. DPW is similarly stretched with the loss of 15 full time dedicated urban forest staff positions despite their need for 3 times their current staffing levels to provide the level of care they deem necessary for proper management of the trees they are responsible for actively maintaining; this staffing need does not reflect DPW's desire to assume the care of all trees within their jurisdiction, only to care for those that they are currently responsible for. As our urban forest provides us with a structural value of approximately \$95M, it is clearly a valuable resource that is being neglected to the detriment of all city residents, through the reduction in the financial gains, improvement of physical and mental health, and the social benefits that our trees could provide.

Public maintenance programs are only half of the equation. Based on the reported information provided by urban forest stakeholders, of the 669K trees that comprise our urban forest, the Recreation and Parks Department maintains 131K trees, DPW regulates 110K, and various other agencies reported management of an approximate additional 30K trees. The San Francisco Bay Area State of the Urban Forest found that nearly 400K trees are located on privately owned, residentially zoned land. This means that more than half of our urban forest is privately owned and managed.

Additionally, street trees are divided into two distinct populations, those managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and those managed by private property owners. A significant majority of street trees are the responsibility of private property owners, but the level of care varies greatly. Though all street trees are publically owned and regulated, 70K of these trees are the care responsibility of adjacent property owners. As a result, 64% of the San Francisco's street trees are maintained by private entities.

Some property owners actively tend their trees and some work with Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), although FUF only provides care for young trees. Many of San Francisco's street trees are routinely neglected or damaged due to lack of understanding of proper tree care, misunderstandings about who is responsible for care, or through vandalism. Trees in San Francisco's open spaces are managed by several other agencies, including Recreation and Parks Department, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, The Port of San Francisco, San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI), City College of San Francisco (CCSF), University of California (UCSF), SF Public Utilities Commission, and others. Trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Given these significant hurdles, it is important to note the milestones achieved in the past year for urban forestry programming.

The Recreation and Parks Department successfully included an urban forest component in the voter approved general obligation bond funding mechanism, the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. In addition to the bond funding, which will be applied to pruning, mitigation, and replanting, RPD has dedicated additional funding for an overall review of RPD's urban forestry work plans and for creation of a set of guiding recommendations to improve their operations by moving to a care program split equally between reactive and programmed care.

The Planning Department was able to secure a grant through the Sustainable Growth Council for completion of the Urban Forest Green Structure Master Plan, which was put on hold due to funding constraints. This long awaited plan, which will help to coordinate citywide efforts, will be incorporated into the San Francisco's General Plan.

These two successes have begun addressing some of the major barriers for urban forest stakeholders, though the highest priority concerns continue to be, year after year, loss of trees due to age and disease and the lack of ability to provide adequate care to newly planted as well as established trees. These obstacles to achieving a healthy and sustainable urban forest can only be addressed by eliminating the increasing concerns surrounding funding, staffing, and coordination efforts through prioritization of urban forestry programs.

Responses charts from the 2010 Annual Urban Forest Report Survey

Staffing and budget:

| Agency/Organization | Urban forest related staff positions | What is your total organization/agency budget? | What is your urban forestry related budget? |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DPH | One full time Gardener and three part time Gardeners. | | |
| Port | Two gardeners that perform tree inspections and maintenance as needed, but are not specifically urban forest related positions. | \$66M | \$14K work ordered to DPW |
| SF PUC | 0 | | No specific budget |
| RPD | 27 | | "I believe the same as last year?" (\$3,247,000 '08-'09) |
| SFO | 12 gardeners, two park section supervisors and one environmental specialist | | 45K for internal operations. 5K a year for contractor. |
| TIDA | Approximately 5 landscape workers | \$10, 164,265 | \$175K work order to DPW. \$675K contract with Rubicon Landscaping. |
| Living Library | 9 part time staff | \$410K | \$80K |
| School District | | \$1,000,682 for SFUSD landscaping division | \$50K |
| UCSF | 1 | \$3.3 billion, including the Medical Center budget | No specific forestry budget. Funding part of Parnassus Landscape budget which is approximately \$700k per year |
| Cal Fire | 8 6 Regional Field Foresters, 1 State Urban Forester & 1 Program Analyst | Approximately \$1 million from the US Forest Service and \$5 million from Propositions 40 & 84, bonds. | |
| Planning | 0 | \$23,860,000 | No dedicated urban forestry budget beyond grants obtained. |
| FUF | 10 fulltime plus 5 half time | \$1,372,793 | \$1,372,793 |
| DPW | 63 fulltime plus 67 staff who spend a portion of their time on tree related activities | \$17,193,772 | \$10,402,771 |
| San Francisco State | 3 2 Climbers and Grounds manager is a Certified Arborist | Not supplied | Not supplied |
| TOTALS | 112 fulltime staff 107 part time staff or staff that dedicate a portion of their time to UF programs | Dedicated urban forest budgets of reporting agencies:\$15,391,564 Additional funding which partially supports urban forest programs:\$1,375,000 | |

Workplans:

| Agency/Organization | How many trees within your agency have been: | | | Did your agency work for another agency? | Did another agency work for your agency? |
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| | Planted | Cared for | Removed | | |
| DPH – General Hosp. | None | | Approx. 170 | No | BUF and WEBCOR |
| Port of San Francisco | 1 | 30 | 4 | No | DPW- Bureau of Urban Forestry pruned the trees on the sidewalk and the median along the Embarcadero. |
| SF PUC | 19 | | About 83 | No | DPW, FUF, Living Library, Volunteers, WSIP, RPD, Costello's |
| RPD | 855 | 738 | 393 | Yes. PUC, City College. | |
| SFO | Approx. 150 | 220-225 | 7 | No | S and C Environmental Solutions |
| TIDA | "We haven't been planting new trees or removing old trees, but we prune the existing trees to maintain their health, appearance and safety." | | | No. | Rubicon Landscape Services |
| Living Library | about 510 | about 1000 | about 15-20 | 400 trees for RPD 25 trees for DPW 38 trees for SFUSD 47 trees for Housing Authority | SFUSD Landscape Division, Merrit College Tree Pruners |
| School District | | "Cared for as needed" | 30 | No. | Peninsula Tree, Friends of the Urban Forest; parents and community groups |
| UCSF | 15 | ~7500 | ~20 | No. | Planting with Friends of the Urban Forest; Removal/Maintenance by Bartlett Tree Experts. |

Workplans continued:

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| Cal Fire | Grants funded approx 15,000 - 25,000 tree plantings & care in the last year. | | "We don't fund removals." | No. | Cities and non-profits planted trees with our funds on their own lands. |
| Planning | Planning doesn't directly plant or maintain any trees. | | | No. | No. |
| FUF | 1,097 | 4,367 | 0 | Planting and tree care services for SFUSD. Plants and maintains trees under DPW jurisdiction | No. |
| DPW | 1050 | 5998 | 103 | DPW performs tree work for many city agencies on an as-needed basis, for example, SF Fire Department, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority, the PUC, the Port of San Francisco, San Francisco Housing Authority, and others. | A contractor has been maintaining 3655 trees previously planted. DPW issues permits to property owners to plant and/or remove trees. DPW issued permits to remove 532 trees, and permits to plant 806 trees. DPW also issued 233 Sidewalk landscaping permits. |
| SFSU | 20 | 250 | 50 | No | 250K for contractors that performed trimming and removals. |
| TOTALS | 3717 | 12,603-20,108 | 875-880 | 4 agencies/orgs worked for other agencies/org | 10 agencies/orgs performed work for other agencies/orgs |

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| Port | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| SF PUC | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| RPD | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| SFO | 2 | 1 | "N/A" | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TIDA | "N/A" | "N/A" | "N/A" | "N/A" | "N/A" | "N/A" |
| Living Library | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| School District | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| UCSF | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Cal Fire | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Planning | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| FUF | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| DPW | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| SFSU | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |

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| Agency | Funding constraints | Staffing constraints | Prioritization of urban forestry programs within your agency/the city at large | Lack of coordinated efforts to protect and manage the overall urban forest | Lack of tree inventory | Lack of management plan |
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1 [Amend Urban Forestry Council Bylaws]

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3 **Resolution amending the Urban Forestry Council's Bylaws to change the Urban Forestry**
4 **Council Meeting Schedule to delete meeting requirements in April and July.**

5 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council at its September 24, 2010 meeting suggested that
6 due to budget limitations, the Council should consider and vote on a Bylaws amendment to delete
7 meeting requirements in April and July; now therefore be it,

8 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council at its December 10, 2010 meeting met and approved
9 a Bylaws amendment to "Article VI-Meetings; Section 5: Meetings" to delete meeting requirements in
10 April and July as follows:

11 **Article VI – Meetings**

12 **Section 5: Meetings**

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14 and the second Friday in December at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Room 400 and on the 4th Tuesday in
15 February, ~~April~~, June, August, and October at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room 416 beginning on
16 December 10, 2010. No regular meeting shall be scheduled for November. This information shall be
17 posted on the Department of Environment's website.

18 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular
19 Meeting on .

20 _____
21 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

22 VOTE:

23 Ayes:

24 Noes:

25 Absent:

[Commendation for Urban Forestry Council Member Susan Nervo]

Resolution commending Susan Nervo, Recreation and Park Department representative to the Urban Forestry Council, for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco's Urban Forestry Council and for improving San Francisco's urban forest.

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WHEREAS, Susan Nervo gave valuable advice and shared her arboreal wisdom with the Council and was instrumental in furthering the objectives of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Susan Nervo made an undeniable contribution to the Urban Forestry Council and its achievements to date; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council extends its gratitude and commends Susan Nervo for her dedication to the Urban Forestry Council; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council wishes Susan Nervo well in her future endeavors.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on .

Monica Fish, Urban Forestry Council Secretary

Maria D'Agostino, Urban Forestry Council Chair

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

[Commendation for Urban Forestry Council Member AnMarie Rodgers]

Resolution commending AnMarie Rodgers, San Francisco Planning Department representative to the Urban Forestry Council, for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco's Urban Forestry Council and for improving San Francisco's urban forest.

WHEREAS, AnMarie Rodgers has served the City and County of San Francisco as a member of the Urban Forestry Council from February 16, 2001 to November 18, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, AnMarie Rodgers has served on the Urban Forestry Council as a member of the Planning and Policy and Planning and Funding Committees; and

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Monica Fish, Urban Forestry Council Secretary *Maria D'Agostino, Urban Forestry Council Chair*

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:



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2. **Adoption of Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: October 26, 2010 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action) Upon Motion by Member Hillson, second by Member Milne, the October 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes were approved without objection (AYES: Members D'Agostino, Buck, Cohen, Hillson, Milne, Sider; Absent: Members Costello, Hillan, Sherk and Vargas).
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